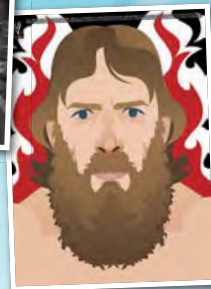




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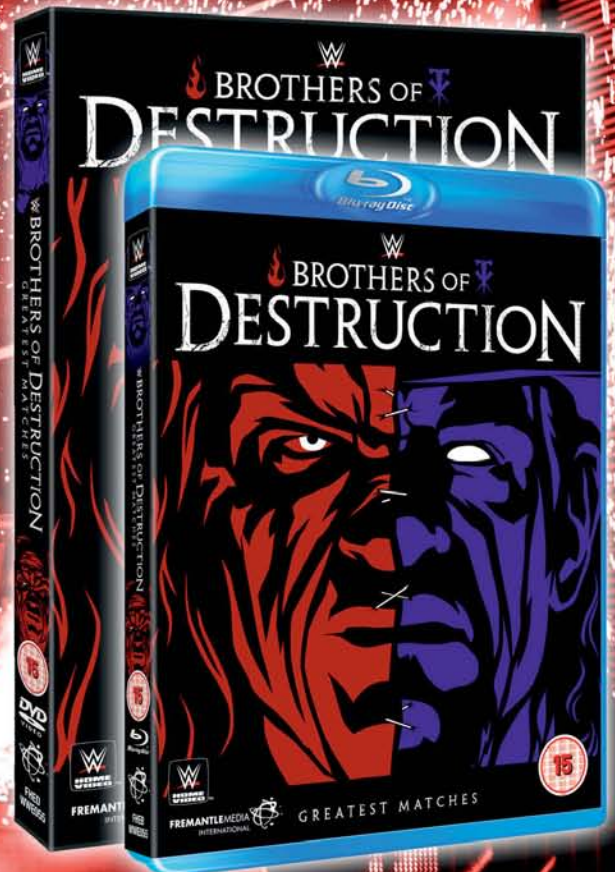
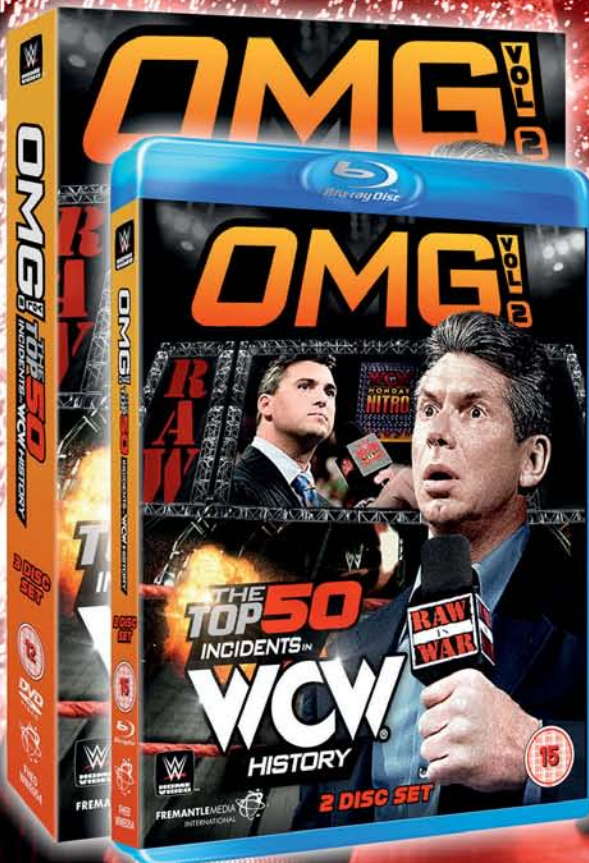
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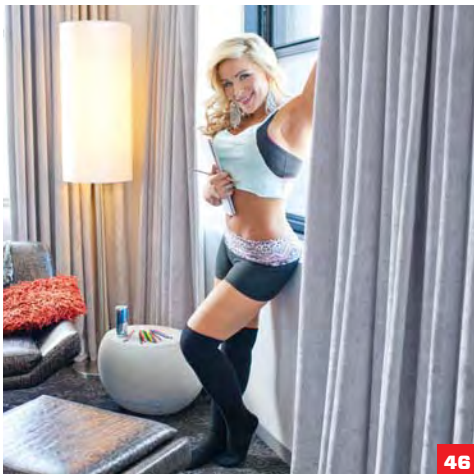
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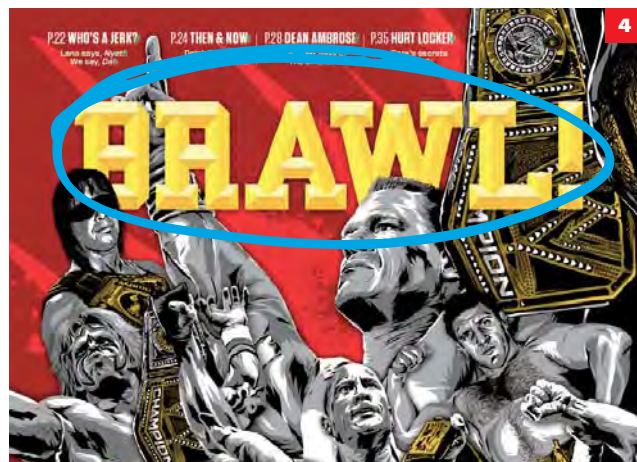
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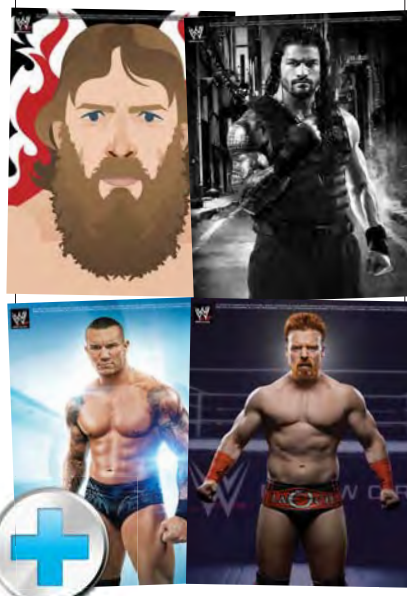
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Notice anything about the cover? No, not the fact that Randy Orton looks like a total badass. It's the new WWE logo **1**.—and soon you'll be seeing it everywhere. But that's not the only new thing you'll find in—and on—this particular issue. Much like WWE's emblem, we've updated quite a few pages in the mag. First up is our new "You Got The Mic," **2**, which is the best place to connect and talk directly with the magazine. And we've rechristened our opening photo section "Big Splash" **3**.—which is exactly what we hope to make with it. We'll also be treating you to an exclusive, new pay-per-view poster each month to kick off our Brawl section. **4**. Our first honours the 50-plus-year WWE World Heavyweight Championship history coinciding with *Night Of Champions*. But we've still got some of your old favourites inside, including Jerk of the Month (Lana), Backpage/Backstage (this month, it's "BackPaige"), and of course, two amazing interviews with Roman Reigns and Dean Ambrose. More surprises are in store, so look for those in the months to come. Until then, let us know what you think @WWEmagazine.



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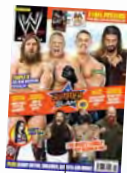
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## PAIGE, ON HER FILM PREFERENCES

"I'm definitely not into rom-coms. I like *X-Men*. I'm into action. I was really into *Fight Club*, too, as you can probably tell. I used to be into scary ones, but nothing has been scary lately. It used to be horrors, but they're kind of a disappointment to me. I would love to be in a horror movie one day, though!"



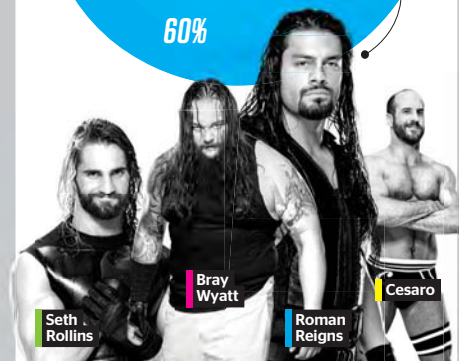
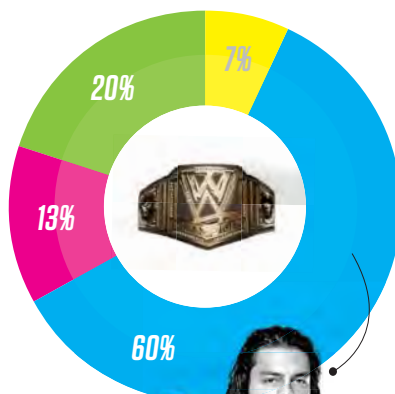
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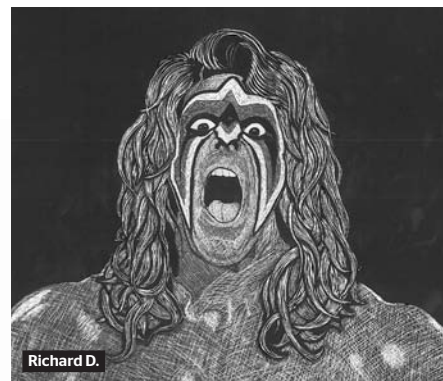
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# BIG SPLASH

## ■ High Spots

**Date:** RAW, 16.6.14

**Location:** Cleveland, OH

## HANGING IN THE BALANCE

■ On Raw, United States Champion (and Celtic Warrior) Sheamus and Bray Wyatt tore at each other like wild dogs fighting over scraps. With the abeyant WWE World Heavyweight Championship looming high above, it was interference by the rest of The Wyatts that ended this match, prompting an all-out brawl as The Usos joined the fray.

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Craig Ambrosio



# BIG SPLASH

## Faction

**Date:** 29.6.14

**Location:**  
Stamford, CT

## FIVE DECADES OF GOLD

From Bruno Sammartino to John Cena, every great WWE competitor carried gold. Each period has its own style of title glory, like the bright colours of The Attitude Era's European Title or the Golden Era's coloured straps. With the modern champs putting theirs on the line at *Night of Champions*, take a look through 50 years of titles.

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WWE Championship, 1977



LayCool's Women's Championship, 2010



ECW Championship, 2008



"Smoking Skull" WWE Championship, 1999



Ladies World Wrestling Championship, 1984



World Tag Team Championship, 2002



Million Dollar Championship, 1989



"Winged Eagle" WWE Championship, 1988



European Championship, 1997





WWE Championship, 1983



“Brahma Bull” WWE Championship, 1999



WWE Tag Team Championship, 2002



WWE Championship, 1967



ECW Championship, 1999



WWE Championship, 1963



WWE Championship, 1998



“Spinner” United States Championship, 2005



Undisputed WWE Championship, 2002



Fabulous Moolah's Women's Championship, 1970s



# BIG SPLASH

## Old School

**Date:** 30.9.1996

**Location:** Hershey, PA

## LAND OF THE GIANTS

■ Shawn Michaels made a career out of toppling WWE's biggest Superstars and leaving them winded. But sometimes, the superheavyweights got their *time* to shine. Weeks after HBK defeated Vader at *SummerSlam*, The Mastodon overpowered the reigning WWE Champion on *Raw* with a Vader Bomb, leaving Michaels broken and staring at the lights. Never doubt Shawn Michaels's heart—but never discount Vader's size, either.









# BIG SPLASH

## 1992

Year of the first Ladder Match in WWE history, contested between Intercontinental Champion Bret Hart and Shawn Michaels on *Wrestling Challenge*.

## 1442

Days between Ladder Match losses for Randy Orton, whose last defeat before *Money in the Bank 2014* came at MITB 2010. He's 2-3 all-time in ladder bouts.

## 135ft

Length of the longest ladder, according to Guinness World Records. It has 120 rungs, 10 times the number of the tallest ladder featured at *Money in the Bank 2014*.

### Stat Slam

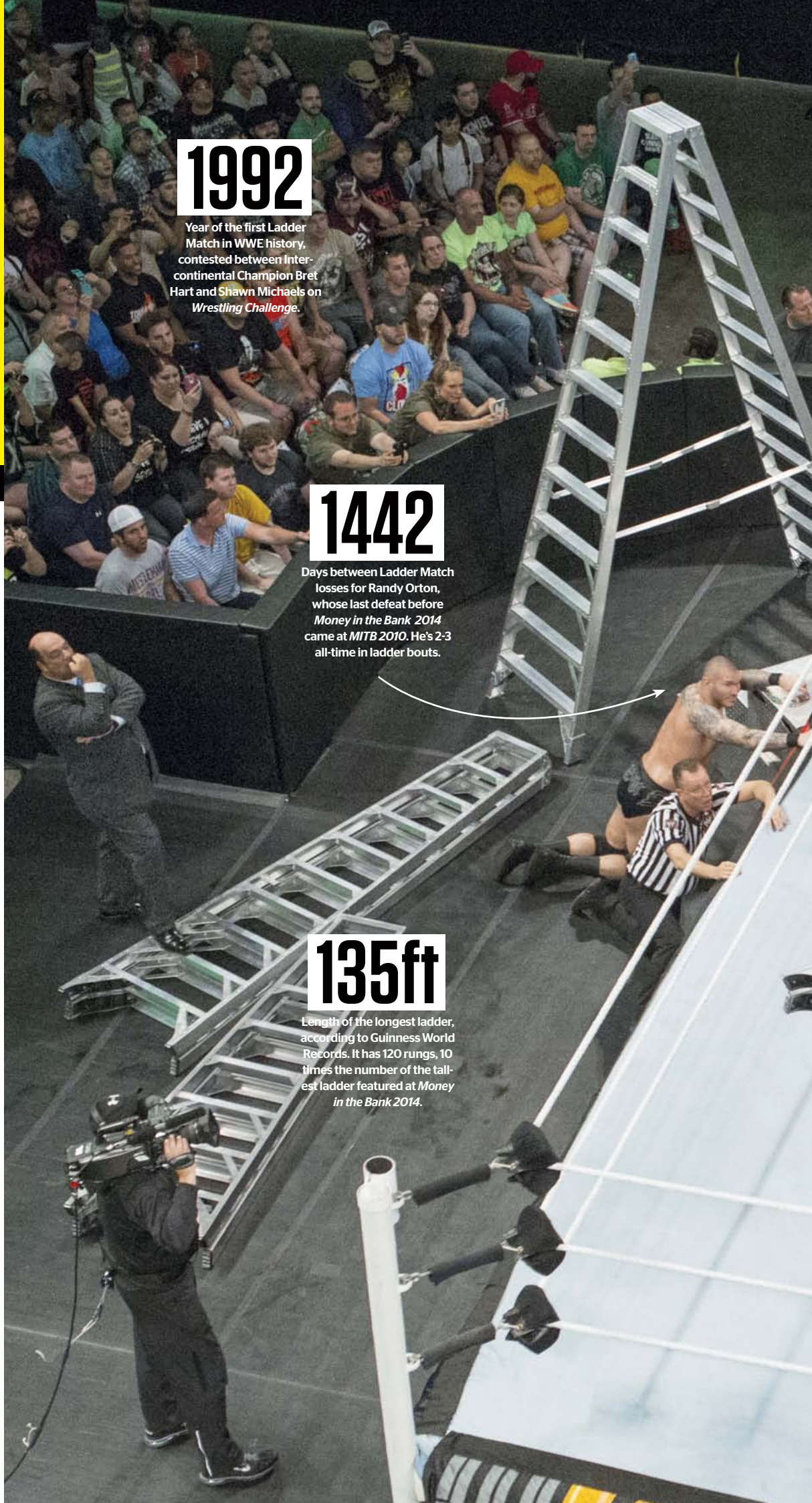
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## MONEY IN THE BANK

Whenever ladders are involved in a WWE ring, it's almost guaranteed that destruction will be, too. But it's innovative turmoil, as Superstars always channel their inner MacGyvers to use and expand on the inventory of ladders in varieties of ways. Endurance prevailed as John Cena withstood the ladder crashes to capture his 15<sup>th</sup> World Title.

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Number of losses for both Sheamus and Alberto Del Rio in Ladder Matches through their careers. Sheamus is 0-4 and Del Rio is 1-4 under the stipulation.

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Time (in seconds) it took John Cena to climb the ladder and grab the WWE World Heavyweight Championship. The win marked Cena's third in Ladder Matches.

22%

Win percentage for Kane in Ladder Matches. The Devil's Favourite Demon won two (in 2002 and 2010) of his nine appearances in this brutal stipulation match.



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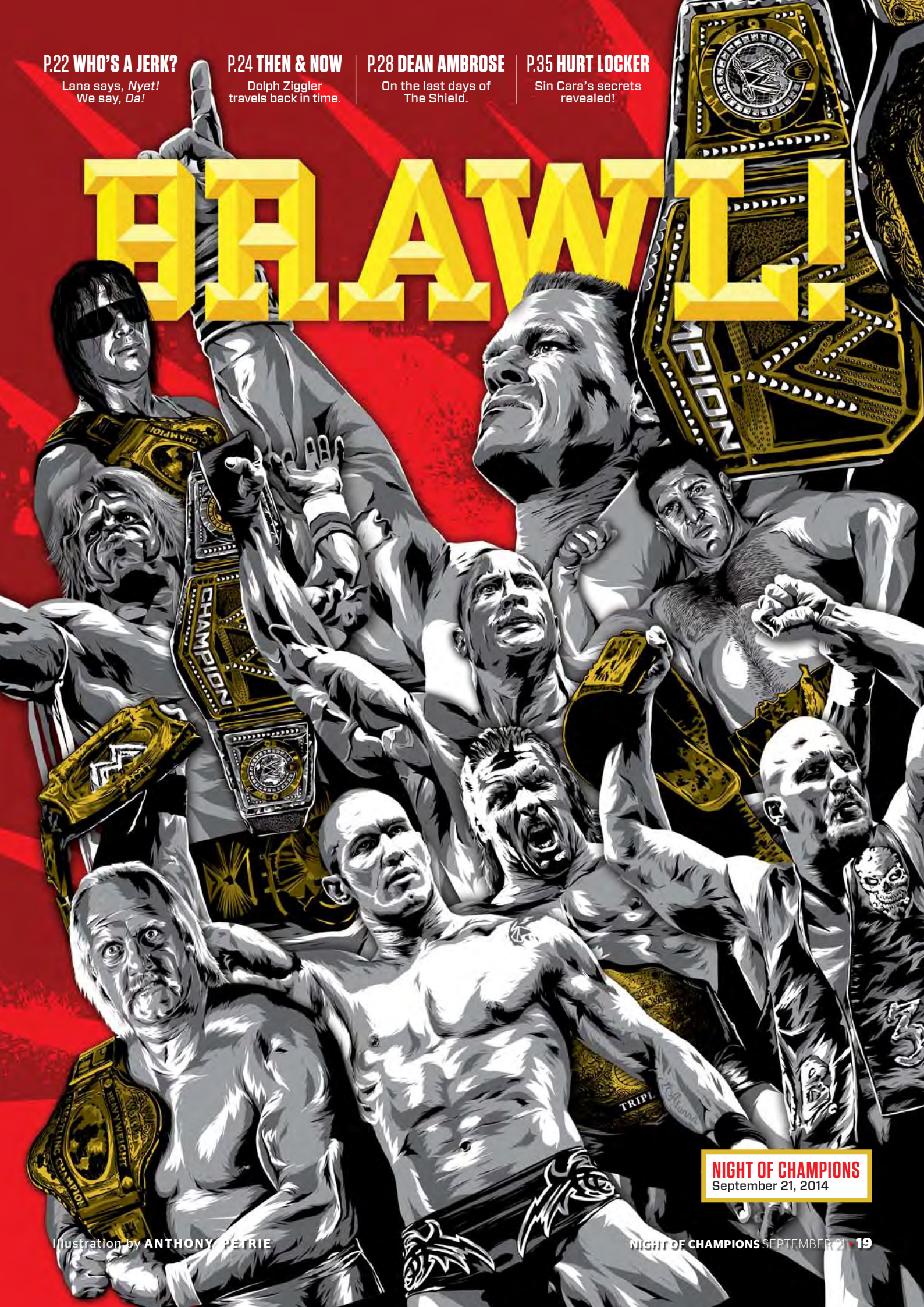
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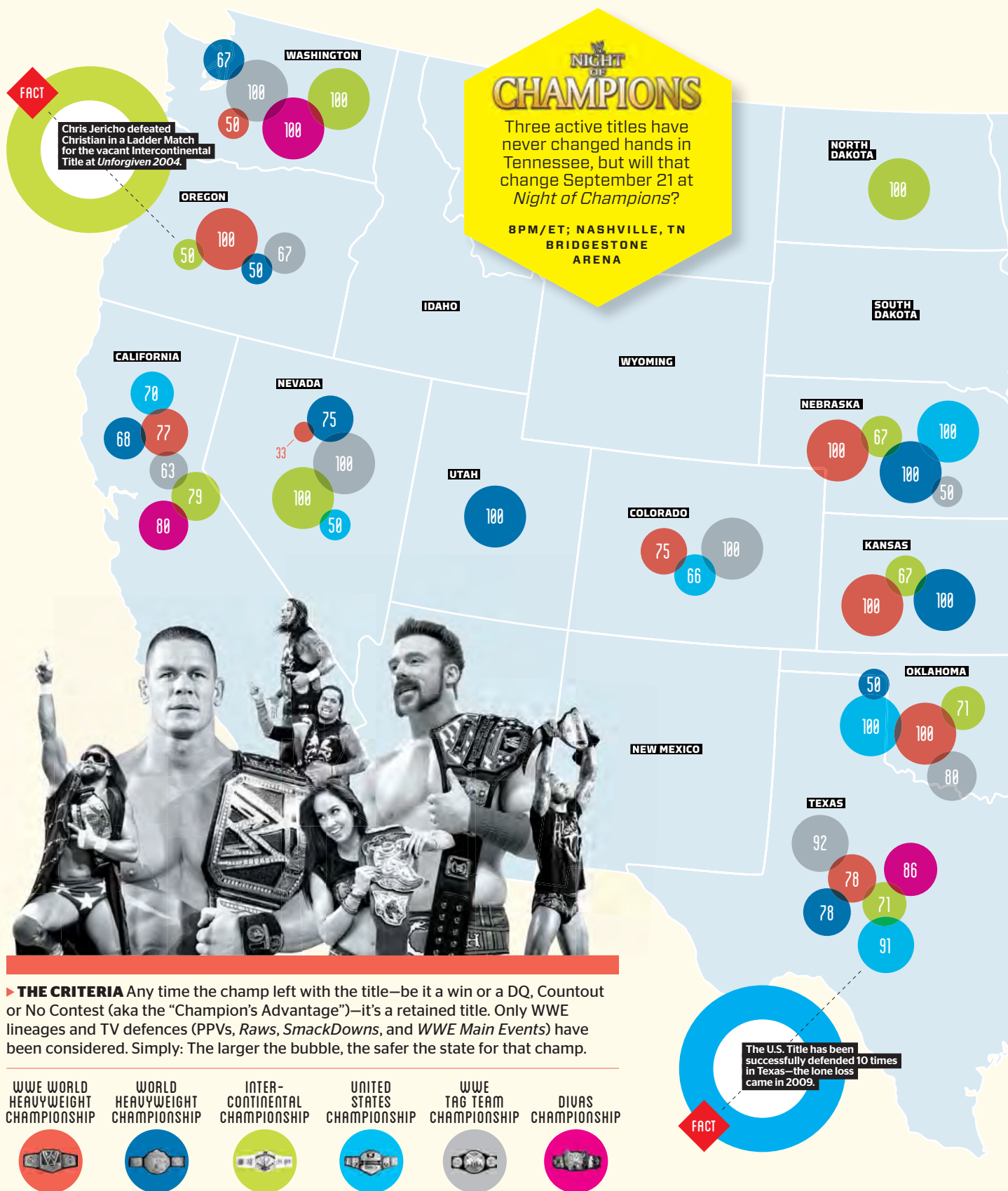
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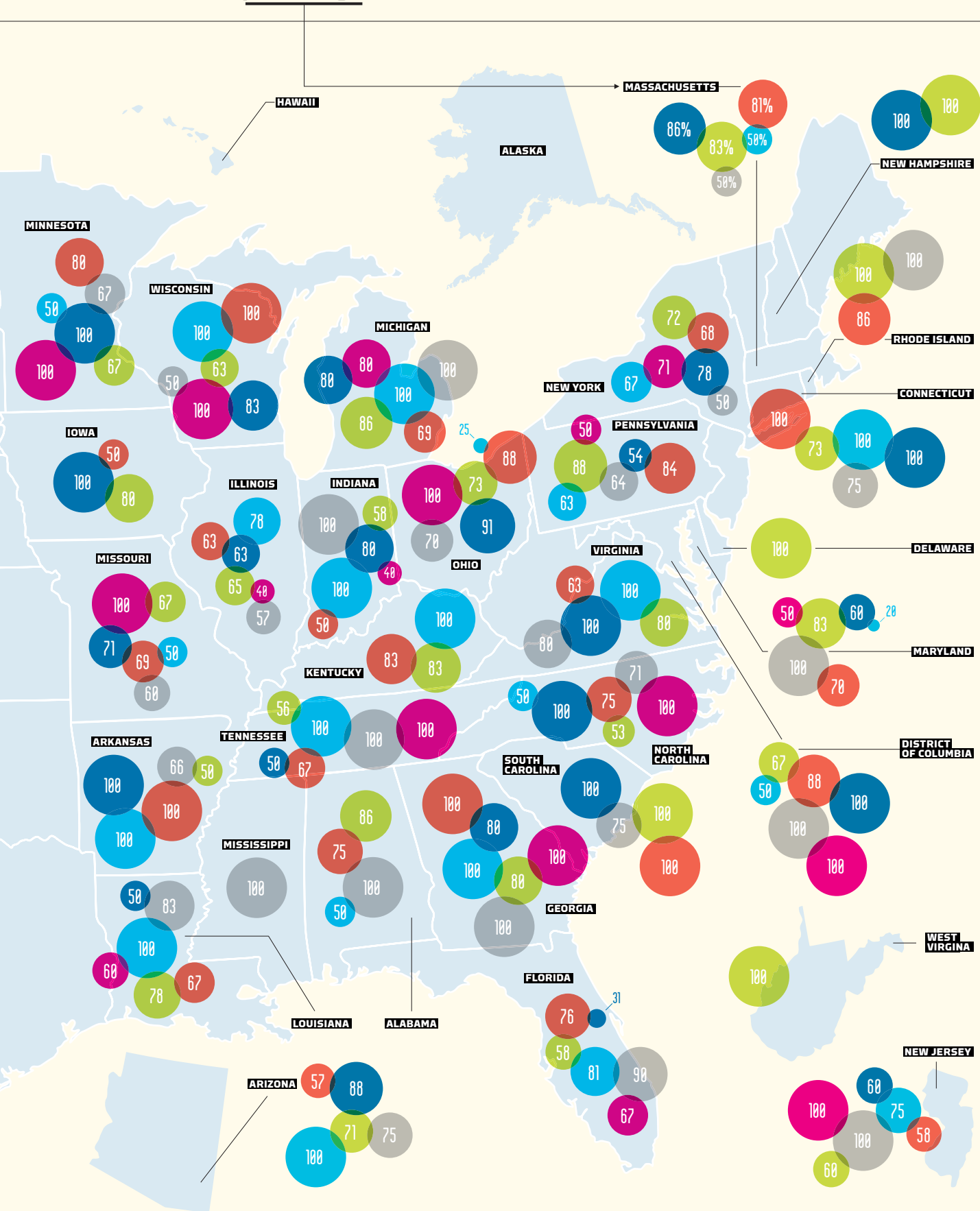


# Every State's Title Defence History!





What is the safest state to defend a title? With *Night of Champions* live September 21, *WWE Mag* dug into more than 30 years of championship bouts to find the title history of every state by the **percentage** of times the titleholder left with their reign intact.





# Jerk — OF THE — Month

Every 30 Days, *WWE Magazine* celebrates the roster's most malicious malcontents and all the evil they've wrought on the WWE Universe by honouring them with this prestigious trophy. Say hello to this month's bad gal: **Lana**

## THE "VNIMANIE" JERK INDEX We're Willing To Overlook

"U.S.A." is the toughest chant for a foreign Superstar or Diva to hear, but Lana can quiet the WWE Universe instantly with a stern, simple, "Stop this now." We're not even mad; that's just impressive.

## Kinda Jerkish

Oh the places you'll go, Lana! But do you have to use your Instagram account—[@thelanawwe](#)—to post videos about how you're not impressed by everywhere you visit? If not Nottingham, then where?!

## Major League Jerk

You have a bona-fide "super athlete" under your ranks, so why do you need to pick on a WWE Hall of Famer like "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan? Ripping on him is bad enough, but breaking his two-by-four? That's a crime in most states!

## Total & Complete Jerk

Dedicating a match to your country's leader is a nice touch of nationalism, but please, no more pictures of Vladimir Putin riding a horse without a shirt on. What's Russian for "Have mercy on us"?



”

The only jerk here is the American people, who refuse to bow down to Vladimir Putin. They will be crushed by Rusev! We're here for one reason, and that is to create the greatest WWE legacy.

LANA



THE BATTLE TO BE NAMED...

# The Best WWE Town!

WWE rolls into cities and takes over arenas more than 320 times a year to entertain the WWE Universe. But what fanbase brings it the best? *WWE Magazine* puts these towns to the ultimate test!

TORONTO

VS

CALGARY

## HOMETOWN HEROES

► Edge, Christian

► Hart Family

## EPIC MOMENTS

► Icons collided and nostalgia ran wild when The Rock faced Hollywood Hogan at *'Mania X-8*

► The Ultimate Warrior became the only person to hold both the WWE and Intercontinental Titles simultaneously

► John Cena bested Edge in a TLC Match at *Unforgiven*

► Disguised as the mysterious Calgary Kid, a recently fired Miz regained his job in a Contract on a Pole Match

► The Hart Foundation, with the entire Hart clan in attendance, prevailed in a heated 10-Man Tag Team Match at *In Your House: Canadian Stampede*

► WWE celebrated "Bret Hart Appreciation Night"

## LAST TIME WWE WAS IN TOWN

► *Raw*, September 9, 2013

► Goldust fought, and failed, to get his brother Cody Rhodes's job back against Randy Orton  
► Special guest Edge publicly questioned Triple H's reasoning for not supporting Daniel Bryan

► *Raw*, May 27, 2013

► Curtis Axel upset John Cena  
► The Shield retained their WWE Tag Team Titles against Team Hell No

## NEXT TIME IN TOWN

► Live Event, October 3, 2014

► Live Event, July 27, 2014

## ARENAS THAT HOLD/HELD WWE EVENTS

► Air Canada Centre (13,743), Rogers Centre (68,237)

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There's still one last spot in this geographical bracket! Does your city have what it takes? Tweet us @WWE**magazine** with #wwetowns or email us at **INFO@WWE-MAG.COM** with the subject "WWE Towns," and tell us why your hometown should make the final cut.







# THEN AND NOW

*WWE Magazine* tracked down vintage photos of our in-ring vets to determine exactly how different the person holding those pictures is today.

## DOLPH ZIGGLER

### On constantly introducing himself when he debuted in 2008...

"The first couple of times were weird, but it became a running gag. Your first matches are a little unnerving, then it just starts to become second nature and you start to embrace it and have a bit more fun with it."

### The most important thing on Dolph Ziggler's mind at the time...

"Make sure when you do anything in this business, that no one can follow it. This was my only chance with WWE, so I didn't want to leave anything. I was in the first or the second match, but never in the main event. So I dared the main event to follow what I just did."

### How different Ziggler is today...

"I'm a lot less quiet. For my first seven years, I had my head down, listened, and did everything to get ahead. I was told every year the cream would rise to the top. Then around year eight, I realised, I need to get in people's faces to show I'm raising the bar every night."

### What the Dolph Ziggler of 2014 would tell the man in that photo...

"Quit and go back to law school...JK! You know what? Nothing. It went as well as it could've. I was a humble guy who set the bar every night and now I am an outspoken leader who sets the bar every night. Nothing has changed."



I've progressed on every single level (from the 2008 Ziggler). The bar used to be set pretty damn high by the old me. Now, it's knocked out of the park by the current me. Although the 2008 one—way nicer guy.

DOLPH ZIGGLER



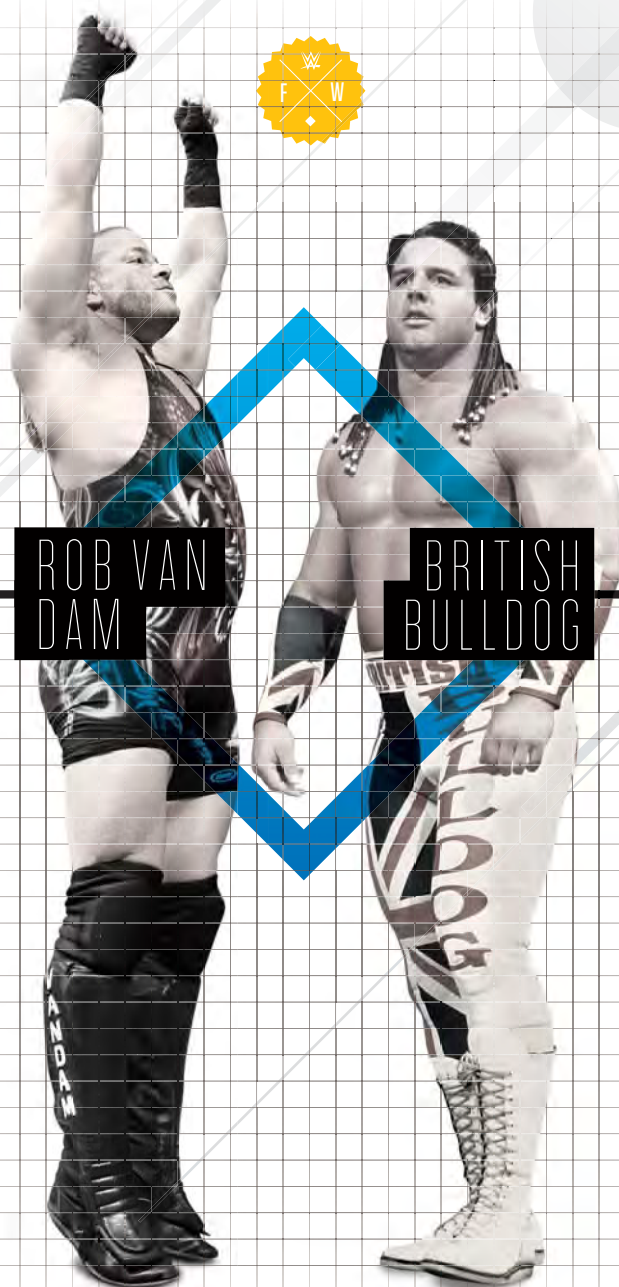


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HEIGHT  
6'0"  
WEIGHT  
237 LBS..  
ECW Championship:  
2006

**MANKIND**  
HEIGHT  
6'2"  
WEIGHT  
287 LBS..  
Hardcore  
Championship: 1998

**TAKA MICHINOKU**  
HEIGHT  
5'9"  
WEIGHT  
183 LBS..  
Light Heavyweight  
Championship: 1997

**BILLY KIDMAN**  
HEIGHT  
5'10"  
WEIGHT  
195 LBS..  
Cruiserweight  
Championship: 2001



**ROB VAN DAM**

**BRITISH BULLDOG**

**THE BRITISH BULLDOG**  
HEIGHT  
5'11"  
WEIGHT  
260 LBS..  
European  
Championship: 1997

**TED DIBIASE**  
HEIGHT  
6'3"  
WEIGHT  
260 LBS..  
Million Dollar  
Championship: 1989

**ANTONIO INOKI**  
HEIGHT  
6'3"  
WEIGHT  
240 LBS..  
World Martial Arts  
Championship: 1978

**DINO BRAVO**  
HEIGHT  
6'0"  
WEIGHT  
265 LBS..  
Canadian  
Championship: 1986

# Fantasy Warfare

Some titles do not last forever, but they'll never be forgotten. To honour *Night Of Champions*, the first titleholders of eight iconic—but long gone—championships square off in a one-night tournament to determine the ultimate king of the defunct gold.

## LOWDOWN: THE CHAMPIONS

**Rob Van Dam, ECW Title:** One of the most innovative Superstars ever, RVD used his athleticism to become the first ECW Champion when WWE revived the brand.

**Mankind, Hardcore Title:** He competed in the most brutal bouts, from Death Matches to Boiler Room Brawls.

**Taka Michinoku, Light Heavyweight Title:** Michinoku made up for his size with his speed and won a tournament to become Light Heavyweight Champ.

**Billy Kidman, Cruiserweight Title:** Kidman was a mainstay in WCW's acrobatic Cruiserweight locker room and the perfect man to kick-start WWE's division.

**The British Bulldog, European Title:** This powerhouse made his home continent proud as its first European Champion.

**Ted DiBiase, Million Dollar Title:** After failing to win and buy the WWE Title, this technically sound grappler made his own.

**Antonio Inoki, World Martial Arts Title:** A natural choice for World Martial Arts Champion, Inoki made everyone cry "uncle."

**Dino Bravo, Canadian Title:** Its lineage was short, but its champ was the toughest.

## ANALYSIS

Bulldog outmatches RVD when it comes to strength, but RVD has the speed advantage and the ability to keep his opponents reeling with his unique offense. A tournament final between these clashing styles would be one for the ages, but endurance gives the thumbs up to the Five-Star Frog Splash.

**WINNER: RVD**



# Sting is in the game!

So last month *WWE Magazine* revealed that the much anticipated *WWE 2K15* video game would be released in the UK on October 31st of this year. Now we've got a whole load more exciting news, and we'll kick off with the announcement that Sting is going to be included as a pre-order bonus in the game!

That's right! One of the most popular and revered competitors in WCW history, Sting will be featured in *WWE 2K15* through two unique playable characters: the ghost-like, baseball bat-wielding persona with trademark black and white corpse paint, as well as a return to his early WCW years marked by brightly coloured face paint and a blonde, flattop hairstyle.



## THE 1ST SCREENSHOT



## THE "HULKAMNIA" COLLECTOR'S EDITION IS HERE!

The *WWE 2K15* "Hulkamania" collector's edition will be available exclusively for Playstation 4 and Xbox One, and it's packed with some pretty awesome, and genuinely collectable stuff.

Here's what you get if you're lucky enough to get your hands on one of the 25,000 copies of the collector's edition.

- A copy of *WWE 2K15*
- Premium packaging
- Collectible art card hand-signed by Hulk Hogan
- Exclusive Funko "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan vinyl figure.
- An actual piece of the ring canvas from Hogan's *Monday Night Raw* appearance - 10/03/2014
- Two playable pre-order launch exclusive Hulk Hogan characters
- Two playable pre-order launch exclusive Sting characters

Pretty cool, don't you think?





# WWE 2K15 Celebrates Historic Rivalries With 2K Showcase

*WWE 2K15* is looking to tell a more focused, up-close-and-personal story than *WWE 2K14*'s 30 Years of WrestleMania mode. The 2K Showcase will give players the opportunity to intimately explore two notable WWE rivalries: the bitter rivalry between Triple H and Shawn Michaels from 2002 to 2004, as well as *WWE 2K15* cover Superstar John Cena and CM Punk's spirited rivalry spanning 2011 to 2013.

2K Showcase will tell the epic history of the two rivalries through documentary-style video packages of classic WWE footage, authentic WWE Superstar commentary and cinematic cut scenes. In the 33 available matches across the rivalries, players will be tasked with completing a set of bonus historical objectives that will unlock new WWE Superstars, Championship titles and alternate attire that can be used in all other *WWE 2K15* game modes. With this wealth of unlockable content, players can recreate current rivalries or stage dream match-ups between WWE Superstars of the past and present. Additional 2K Showcase rivalries will be made available via downloadable content after the game goes on sale.



**"FEATURING TWO OF THE BIGGEST RIVALRIES IN WWE HISTORY, INCLUDING MY STORIED MATCHES WITH SHAWN MICHAELS, THERE'S NO DOUBT FANS WILL EXPERIENCE THE THRILL FIRST-HAND THROUGH *WWE 2K15*,"**



—TRIPLE H ON *WWE 2K15* SHOWCASE

## THE HEARTBREAK KID BIGS UP *WWE 2K15*

To celebrate the 2K Showcase announcement we caught up with one half one of the greatest rivalries in the history of WWE to get his thoughts on the game.

### **So Shawn, what's it like having such a big role in the video game?**

Well, first I want to say how much of an honour it is for me. I retired four years ago, fortunate to be a WWE Hall of Famer. I'll be four years removed from WWE, and now I have the opportunity to be a major part of *WWE 2K15*. As you know, one of the 2K Showcase rivalries is between Triple H and myself, so this is very exciting for me. And you know, I want to thank the folks at 2K15 for giving me that opportunity. To have our rivalry chronicled in a video game is nothing short of pretty cool. So for a guy that hasn't been

involved in WWE for a while, I'm excited.

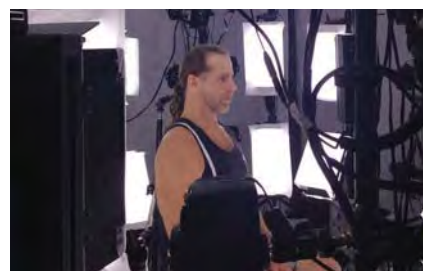
### **Other than your rivalry with Triple H, what else are you looking forward to?**

Obviously, one of the things that I always enjoy about WWE video games are the fantasy match-ups. The matches that you never got to see, they can come to life in the *WWE 2K15*, and one character I'm really excited about is Sting. I never got a chance to wrestle him. Plus there are a number of the younger stars today, Daniel Bryan, Roman Reigns, Cesaro, Bray Wyatt. Young men that I never got an opportunity to be in the ring with, it can happen now in the game. I'm also excited to see the graphics, they're going to be nothing short of amazing!

### **Tell us a bit more about the whole scanning process, getting your likeness into the game?**

The guys from *WWE 2K15* came all way to Texas to scan my features. I don't think in all of the 25 years that I wrestled I've ever been in front of more cameras at one time. I have never seen a setup like it. I don't claim to be all-knowing and all-seeing when it comes to video games and graphics, but one thing I know is that the graphics are going to be amazing in this

game because the setup that they had for me was fantastic.



### **So they've got your features spot on, tell us a bit about your ring attire in the game.**

Well, I'm no fashion assassin, and I probably looked my best when I was in front of the WWE cameras. All of the different costumes and wardrobe changes are going to be fun for everyone. During my career I always tried to evolve, and I tried to be different all the time, and this has been captured in every bit of the game. I think that that makes it even more exciting for folks playing.

**Check out next month's issue for more from Shawn Michaels and a whole host of other WWE Superstars as we get down to some real *WWE 2K15* nitty-gritty!**



# **DEAN AMBROSE:** **THIS IS THE** **FIRST** **DAY OF YOUR** **LAST DAY**

**BY JEFF LABOON PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON TANAKA BLANEY**

**THE SHIELD DOMINATED EVOLUTION, BUT EVERYTHING TURNED SOUR HOURS LATER WHEN SETH ROLLINS BETRAYED HIS BROTHERS. DEAN AMBROSE TALKS ABOUT THE ONLY GOOD THAT CAME FROM THE TRIO'S SHOCKING DEMISE, HIS HONEST OPINION OF TRIPLE H, AND A LESSON THE UNDERTAKER TAUGHT HIM.**



PHOTOGRAPHED 2/6/14  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN,  
THE DAY THAT SETH ROLLINS  
TURNED ON THE SHIELD.







NO MATTER HOW IT HAPPENED, THE  
**BAND'S BROKEN**  
UP AND YOU DON'T GET TO  
PLAY MUSIC TOGETHER  
**ANYMORE**



**The photograph (on the preceding page) was taken on a very important day: The night Seth Rollins turned on The Shield. You were riding the highest of highs, but it was followed by The Shield's end.**

That day, we were on top of the world. We were beaten up, tired and sore but still running on adrenaline. It was that perfect, magical mix you want as a wrestler.

**What were you thinking when you saw Rollins standing over Roman Reigns?**

I didn't process it quickly enough. I was just feeling the same way the fans were feeling—for about a night—just shell-shocked. Then I was a little bummed out for another day mostly because I was disappointed in Seth that he turned out to be such a weak person who would throw everything away for money. I'm disappointed for the fans because [it was] something we worked so hard to do what we believed in. To just throw it all away and to have it end like that, to end because Triple H brainwashed a guy, paid a guy, it was disappointing that it ended on such a sour note instead of going out on our terms. Then a day or two after that, I just started getting really, really mad and focused my rage on moving forward and plowing everything in my path. We're all about justice, and ironically the thing that is going to destroy Seth Rollins will be justice.

**Did Rollins' betrayal put a damper on what The Shield accomplished?**

I don't think so. One good thing is that we never had a long downslide, and we went out when we were at our peak, which is the positive thing about it. We went out at the apex of our group. We never got to see a worn-out and played-out version of The Shield. Our last appearance was our biggest victory in our most dominant fashion. That's the positive. That's the cool thing about it, if there's one positive thing to take from it.

**You once told WWE Magazine "a chair will fall if one of the legs doesn't measure up to the other ones..." Did you think one of those legs would betray the others?**

I didn't really see that coming from him. For instance, me and Roman Reigns have had our differences, and those have played out on television. You've seen us at each other's throats and getting in each other's face. That's because me and Roman have the kind of relationship—because we're men who say things to each other's face—when we get mad at each other, we just say it right to each other's face. Me and Roman have been in about 12 fistfights this year—about stupid arguments—that the fans don't even see because we just get it all out right in front of each other. That's why we're so comfortable with each other and that's the basis of our relationship. We're two alpha males. We have little problems and we argue about them and fight it out. But when it comes to business in the ring, we're always on the same page. That's how we show affection for each other. I never saw that coming from Rollins,



though, because he was always trying to play the peacekeeper. The thing that really sucks about it is I would've done what Seth Rollins did to me...for free if I just happened to be in that mood or if he got me that mad. That's the difference between me and him and why I have no respect for that decision. Because he could've just said, "Hey man, I want to quit The Shield." And I would've said, "Cool, OK, do your thing." To be weak-minded enough to let Triple H and The Authority trick you into doing something and to let them take the credit for it! It was so slimy. Am I even mad at Seth or am I mad at Triple H? I don't know. I feel sorry for Seth, and I lost a little bit of respect for Triple H when he said that he won. For a guy I never liked but have the utmost respect for as a competitor, you're going to take that as a win for yourself? That's pretty weak.

**What will you miss about The Shield?**

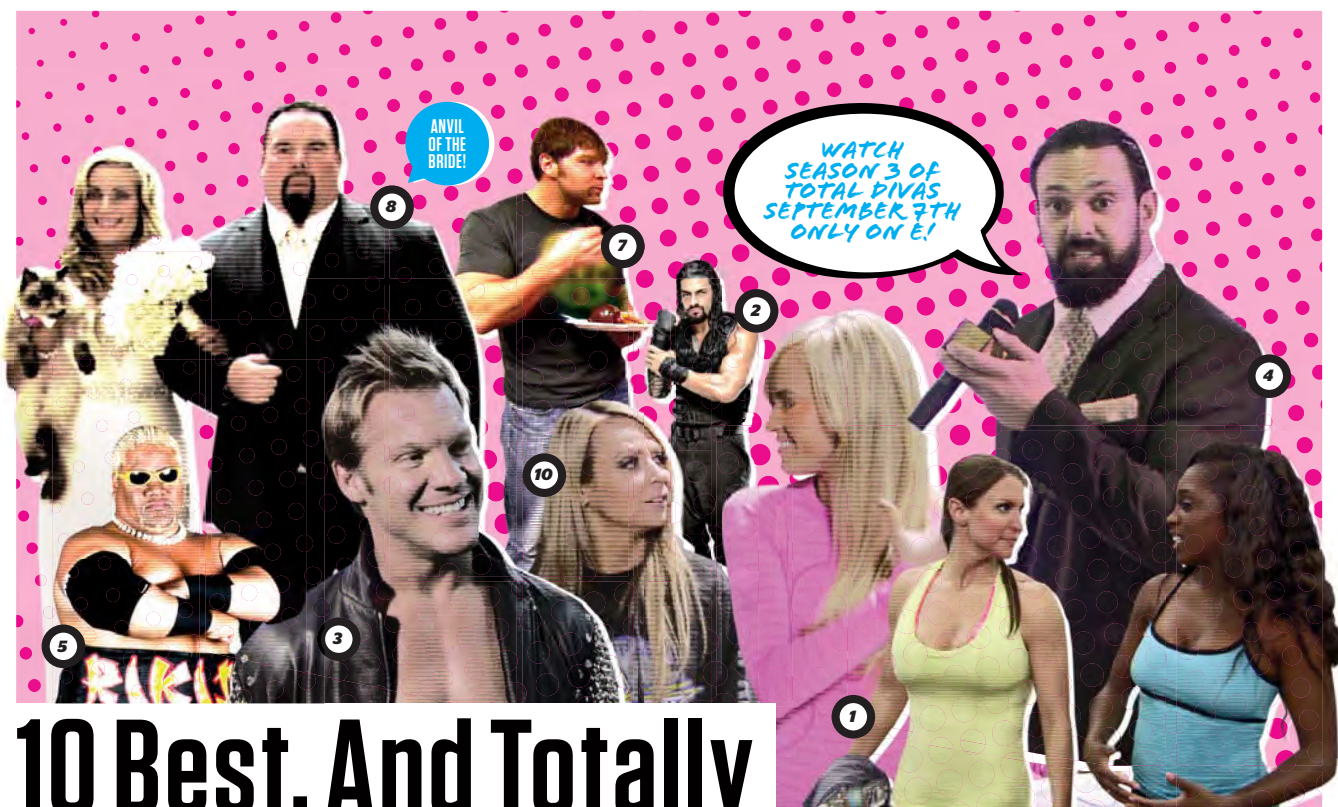
I'll miss the competitiveness. On the other

hand, there's a feeling of freedom. Now I'm free to do whatever I want; I don't have to worry about anyone else anymore. No matter how it happened, the band's broken up and you don't get to play music together anymore. And it was so much fun to be with guys who wanted to be the best and to go out there and bust our asses every night. Reigns is still my best friend. He's on his path and I'm on my path, but we might converge, whether it will be in the ring or at the bar after the show. I still trust him and I always will. It was fun and I will miss it, but I am looking forward to going on my own path and burning this sucker down.

**Last May you won your first title. This June, you went off on your own. But what else is different about you now?**

Last year, I was assessing the situation a little more. I might have been walking a bit more lightly and more cautiously, looking at how to navigate the waters for intelligence's sake. Now I've gotten a pretty good understanding of the WWE locker room. I've been studying every aspect of this business my entire life, and I have been absolutely obsessed with every layer of this business for my entire existence. So now, understanding and knowing WWE, I have no fear; I have nothing to lose. I'd rather burn out than fade away, and I would rather go out in a blaze of glory and on my terms than let anybody dictate anything to me in my career. I had the chance to wrestle The Undertaker [on SmackDown in 2013] and one thing I took away from it was he looked me in the eye and said, "Trust your instincts because you've got great instincts." ✎



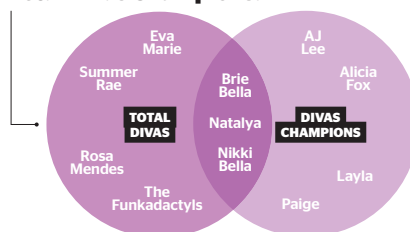


# 10 Best, And Totally Random, *Total Divas* Cameos

WWE's reality series gives a rare look into the lives of John Cena and Daniel Bryan but watch closely and you can catch some surprise Superstars sneaking onto the show.

- 1 Stephanie McMahon**  
*S2:E10 - "Digging a Hole"* Stephanie has made multiple appearances on *TD* as a boss, a friend and even a fitness guru.
- 2 Roman Reigns**  
*S1:E5 - "Feuding Funkadactyls"* Eva Marie and JoJo's gym session came to a halt when they ran into Roman Reigns.
- 3 Chris Jericho**  
*S1:E6 - "Diva Las Vegas"* The "Best in the World at What He Does" gave some sound guidance to JoJo, who was totally crushing.
- 4 Damien Sandow**  
*S1:E8 - "No Longer The Bridesmaid"* Tyson Kidd and Natalya enlist Damien Sandow to emcee the reception. Classy move!
- 5 Rikishi**  
*S2:E5 - "For Better or For Worse"* Jimmy and Naomi invite papa Uso to their wedding, causing Rikishi to shed some tears.
- 6 Jey Uso**  
*S2:E5 - "For Better or For Worse"* Jey made sure his bro and Naomi know Usos stick together and that he loves them.
- 7 Dean Ambrose**  
*S2:E2 - "The Braniel Bus"* Ever wonder what Dean Ambrose eats for lunch? Watch him chow down on ribs.
- 8 The Hart Family**  
*S1:E8 - "No Longer The Bridesmaid"* Watch proud papa Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart walk his daughter Natalya down the aisle.
- 9 Bill Demott**  
*S1:E12 - "Get That Chingle Chingle"* NXT trainer Bill Demott showed Cameron's boyfriend what it takes in the ring.
- 10 Emma**  
*S2:E11 - "Wedding Mania"* Shawn Michaels walks behind the most awkward side ever shared by Emma and Summer Rae.

## Total Divas Champions:



## A LABOR DAY SALUTE!

We don't take September 1 off in the UK. But These American heroes, work for us all.



**BIG BOSS MAN**  
Whether it's in Cobb County, GA or Anytown, USA, policemen and corrections officers don't get the day off from keeping the streets free from crime...and Mounties!



**ADAM BOMB**  
Three Mile Island nuclear power reactor operators don't take a holiday. They've got to make sure everything is running smoothly, so no one has any glowing eyes.



**TL HOPPER**  
It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it. While Duke Droese stops emptying dumpsters, TL Hopper is always on call—in case there are any plumbing emergencies.



Things Are About to Get Personal.

# TOTAL DIVAS



BRAND NEW SEASON

SUNDAY NIGHTS ON



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#TotalDivas



# 4 Reasons to Get Insane About Sami Zayn

From his between-the-turnbuckle DDT to his seamless sunset flip into a powerbomb, **Sami Zayn** boasts one of the most innovative offences in WWE history. Here's why you need to get on the Zayn bandwagon.

## SEE SAMI ZAYN ON WWE NETWORK

Watch Zayn lower the boom against NXT's best stars as he hunts for the NXT Championship every Thursday on WWE Network.

THURSDAYS AT 8PM ET  
@WWENXT



# 1

### He gets a kick out of big boots...

The Helluva Kick isn't a big boot...it's a giant one that forces opponents to call their dentists.

# 2

### He's got the best Twitter handle ever...

Good luck staying mad at the guy. To Tweet him, you literally have to type "@iLikeSamiZayn."

# 3

### He's fearless...

He wore a Montreal Canadiens jersey on stage during a concert by Boston's Dropkick Murphys.

# 4

### He's competed all over the world...

Sami's yet to score a victory in Antarctica, but that's only a matter of time and temp.

## WORLD TRAVELER

Sami Zayn boasts that he's competed in more than 27 countries—most recently Saudi Arabia—and his ring gear looks like a passport to match.



Waist:



Back:



Legs:







PHOTOGRAPH BY MARIUS BUGGE FOR AMAX



A *WWE Magazine* bag-check reveals how Sin Cara readies to hit the top rope, no matter which city he visits.

#### 1. Beats Headphones

"Obviously, I've got to listen to music before I head out to compete. It's very important to me and it keeps me in the mood to do what I have to do. I have my Beats there to use to work out before I head to the ring."

#### 2. Workout Gear

"I bring a medicine ball, jump rope, and stretch mats with me so I can stay flexible to accommodate my style of wrestling. I always carry them with me."

#### 3. Masks

"I always have extra masks on hand because you never know what could happen—somebody could rip one off! So I obviously have to carry more with me. And it's special when I see kids with my mask on and to give them high-fives and to see how happy they are."

#### 4. In-Ring Gear

"People really identify me with a lot of flashy stuff. I always have to have presentation whenever I go out. Obviously, it's very nice to have the gear with me to show the people that the way I look is also a representation of the way I am. They pay a ticket to see you, so it's very important for them to see that you put an effort into what you wear. The first thing they see when you come out is your presentation, then what you do in the ring. So a first impression is very important."

#### 5. Boots

"My boots are very shiny, too. A lot of people think we just wear boots because of style, but they actually protect our ankles. They especially guard the heels when you land, so it's important for me with all the high-flying I do."

Photography by **MARIUS BUGGE**



# WWE's Guide to College Football

From the days of Dusty Rhodes and the West Texas Buffaloes to Titus O'Neil and the Florida Gators, the WWE locker room always had roots in college football. But which squad should *you* root for? Well, depending on your WWE Universe loyalties, you've got three options.

"Just stay away from rooting for Tennessee because things are continuously rocky on Ole Rocky Top."

## A) MY FAVOURITE SUPERSTAR IS...



— **JOHN CENA**



**ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE**

Championship legacy and devoted fanbase



— **RANDY ORTON**



**AUBURN TIGERS**

Skilled and forever tied to rival 'Bama (Cena)



— **TITUS O'NEIL**



**FLORIDA GATORS**

Strong, on the rise and ready to turn heads



"Injuries played a huge factor as to why last season didn't go as planned. But this year, their younger guys have gotten experience, the injured players are healed, and they had one of the best off-seasons they've had in the last couple seasons."—O'Neil



## B) I'M A STICKLER FOR STRATEGY...

**PAUL HEYMAN**

**CIRCA 1991:**

Texas Tech Raiders  
Kliff Kingsbury  
Great start, but still  
getting into the  
groove.



**PAUL HEYMAN**

**CIRCA 2002:**

North Carolina Tar Heels  
Larry Fedora  
Overcame early  
struggles and seems  
poised to dominate.



**PAUL HEYMAN**

**CIRCA 2014:**

Ohio State Buckeyes  
Urban Meyer  
Built a deep team  
with few—if any—  
weaknesses.



**SETH ROLLINS**



**FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES**

The country's hottest—and  
brashest—team

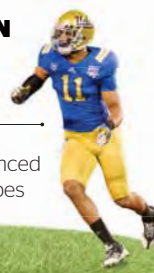


**DANIEL BRYAN**



**UCLA BRUINS**

Up-tempo and experienced  
offense with high hopes

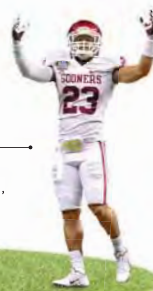


**JACK SWAGGER**



**OKLAHOMA SOONERS**

Can be knocked down,  
but won't stay there

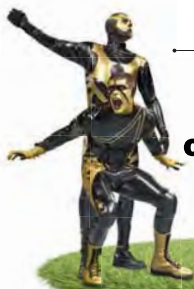


**DOLPH ZIGGLER**



**WISCONSIN BADGERS**

Always underrated and  
always dangerous



**GOLDUST & STARDUST**



**OREGON DUCKS**

Most unique—or  
bizarre—gear ever



**BIG E**



**IOWA HAWKEYES**

Bright future for these  
up-and-coming bruisers



## C) I CHEER FOR THE CREATURE IN THE CORNER...



El Torito ▶  
Texas Longhorns



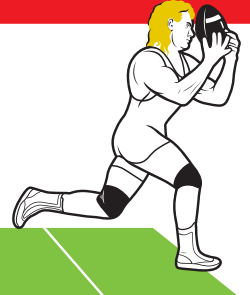
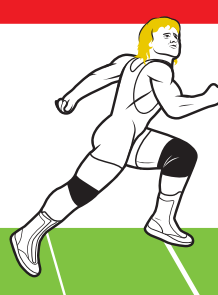
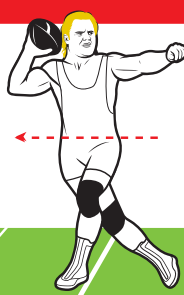
Matilda ▶  
Georgia Bulldogs



Moppy ▶  
Stanford Cardinal

## OH, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

Mr. Perfect shows you  
how to throw  
a touchdown  
to yourself.



**1.** Have a witness to tell  
your story. Mr. Perfect  
brought a Minnesota  
Vikings tight end.

**2.** With feet shoulder-  
width apart, quickly  
drop back three steps,  
then step forward.

**3.** Throw with a high  
arc (75-degree angle)  
so you have enough  
time to run under it.

**4.** Follow through with  
your release and book  
it down the field in a  
full-sprint.

**5.** Once you've hustled  
to beat gravity, catch  
the ball—then swat  
your bubblegum.

Illustration by **TODD DETWILER**



# Monster Mash-Up

When it comes to movie bad guys, it isn't the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the evil in the dog. Hornswoggle may not be the largest movie villain, but he's just as terrifying.

The 2014 Godzilla towers over its contemporaries.



## DON'T MISS

### LEPRECHAUN ORIGINS

Vacationers in Ireland run into a horror legend in this scream-inducing WWE Studios' film starring Hornswoggle.

COMING  
SOON...

Megatron  
*Transformers:  
Age of Extinction*  
40'

Leprechaun  
*Leprechaun:  
Origins*  
4'6"

ED209  
*Robocop*  
11'

Shredder  
*TMNT*  
6'4"

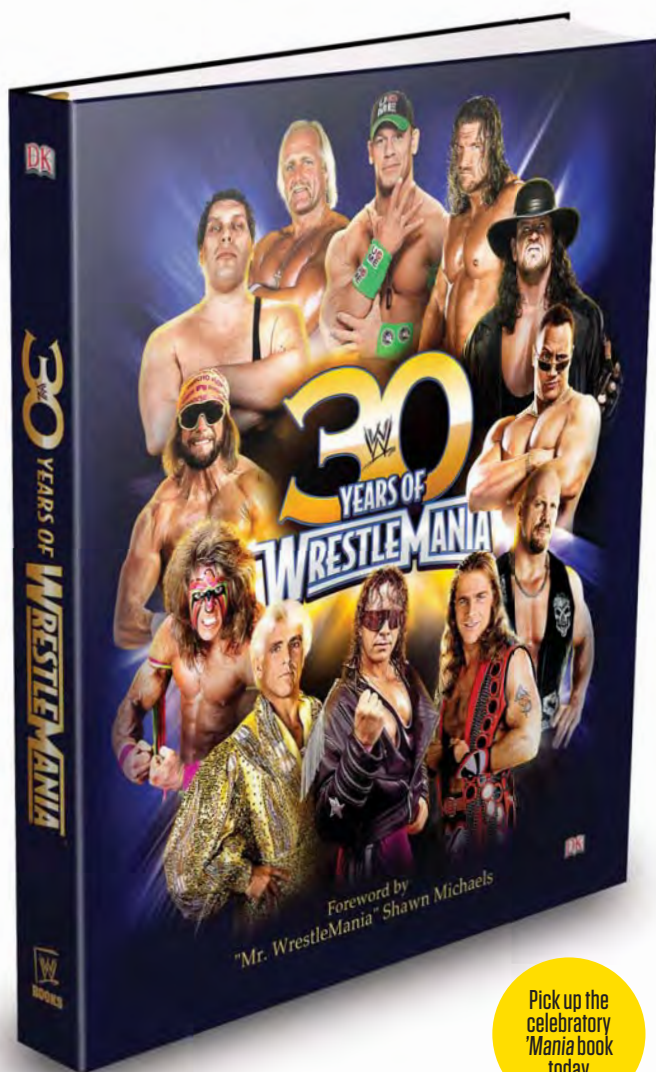
Godzilla  
*Godzilla*  
395'

Sentinels  
*X-Men:  
Days of  
Future Past*  
20'

Megatron  
leads the evil  
Decepticons vs.  
the Autobots.

400'  
350'  
300'  
250'  
200'  
150'  
100'  
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80'  
70'  
60'  
50'  
40'  
30'  
20'  
10'





Pick up the celebratory 'Mania book today

# 30 Years of WrestleMania

Relive your favorite highlights from The Show of Shows with this new commemorative offering from the creators of *WWE 50* and the *WWE Encyclopedia*.



Every spring, the Superstars and Divas leave everything in the ring in the hopes of becoming legendary at *WrestleMania*. It's called "The Showcase of the Immortals" for good reason. From Hulk Hogan achieving the impossible against Andre the Giant to Once-In-A-Lifetime clashes and Daniel Bryan proving the doubters wrong, *WrestleMania* moments forever stand the test of time.

*30 Years of WrestleMania* commemorates the spectacle of these epic moments by tracing the history of every Show of Shows—from The Chairman's inaugural *WrestleMania* gamble to the confetti-filled conclusion of *Yes!-tleMania*. Read shocking, backstage *WrestleMania* stories told by the event's most influential legends like Mr. McMahon, Hogan and Bret Hart and get a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the pagentry of The Grandest Stage of Them All.

Inside this commemorative book, you'll find rare artifacts from the WWE Archives; a breakdown of every Show of Shows; tributes to The Undertaker's Streak, Triple H, and the WWE Hall of Fame; a forward by "Mr. *WrestleMania*" himself, Shawn Michaels; and much more. It's a MUST-HAVE book to get a fresh look at your favorite 'Mania moments.

## GORILLA PRESS

Extra! Extra! WWE's most shocking stories have hit the papers!



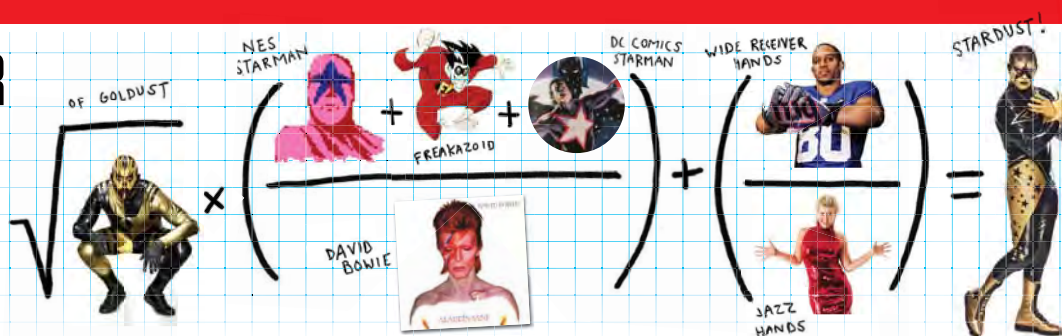
• The Hounds' finest moment ruined when co-founder Seth Rollins sides with enemies.



• The Authority relishes in vacating the WWE World Heavyweight Championship.

## SUPERSTAR MATH

What makes Stardust bizarre? We've solved the formula behind his madness.





# KNOWLEDGE

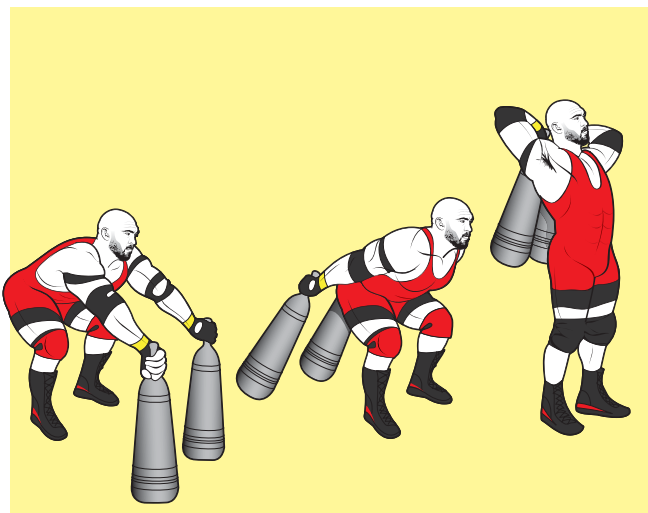
## Ryback Goes Clubbing!

Persian clubs have been incorporated into exercise routines for centuries, and were even featured as an event in the Olympic Games. And now...Ryback has them. So get ready for an intense workout.

Photography by **JASON TANAKA BLANEY**

Sometimes you need to mix things up at the gym to avoid an exercise plateau. Ryback—and his newly discovered Persian clubs—can help you do just that. Utilising these ages-old pieces of equipment, here are three tried, tested, and true exercises that'll help you get the blood flowing, calories burning, core tightening, and shoulders blasting.

**Before you start:** Note that Ryback is an animal, and the fact that he's wielding insanely heavy variations of the Persian clubs in the photo doesn't mean that you have to do the same. Clubs come in different weights and sizes. See what works best for you, and don't go overboard. Trust us on this one.

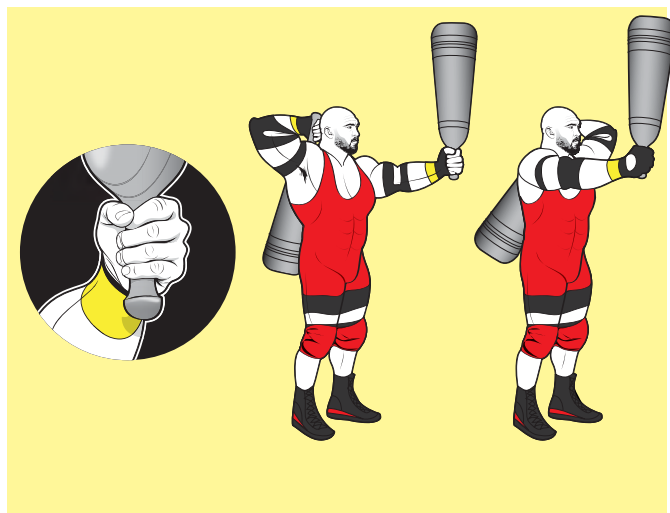


### Big Swing

*Three sets of 12 reps*

With the clubs at your sides, bend down into a squat, then stand up, keeping your back straight. Raise both clubs over your head, bending at the elbows. Then "swing" back down. Repeat so that it all becomes one fluid motion.

"Your whole body has to be tight to really get the core going and to get the most out of the workout," Ryback advises. "What I like the most about the Persian clubs is that you're constantly moving with them—smooth motions—which is different from regular weightlifting at a gym."



### Overhead Extensions

*Three sets of 12 reps*

Taking a firm but relaxed grip, raise the clubs out in front of you. Alternating arms, bend at the elbow as you raise the clubs over your head in slow, controlled movements. Always try to keep your movements as fluid as possible.

"Persian clubs are now a mainstay in my routine for loosening up," Ryback says. "They get the blood pumping and prepare you for the rest of your workout. Above the head, in front of you, circular motions. I've seen a real difference in how I feel after a workout with them."

ILLUSTRATION BY PETE SUCHESKI; PROP STYLING BY MARK DELPRA; GROOMING BY HILLARY FENTON



### Hold It!

#### Variable

As Ryback demonstrates in the photo, turn the clubs upside down and lift them straight out in front of you. Hold that position for as long as you can while keeping your core tight.



"I like doing things outside the norm as far as weightlifting. They're key for upper body conditioning."

RYBACK





# 10 Foods That Keep You Young!

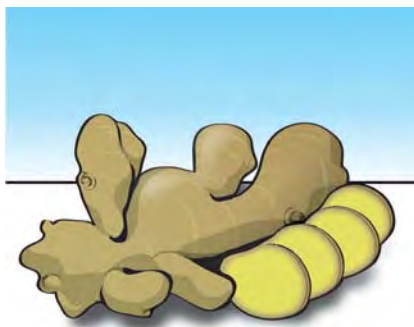
Looking your best at all times is a big part of being a WWE Superstar or Diva. Find out which foods help fight signs of aging both physically and mentally, and how watching what you eat can keep you looking as fresh-faced as backstage reporter Renee Young!



## 1. BLUEBERRIES

If you struggle with focus or feel your mind slipping, this blue fruit's high flavonoid content has been found to help both short- and long-term memory! Blueberries also help with insulin response, the ability of the body to metabolise glucose.





## 2. GINGER

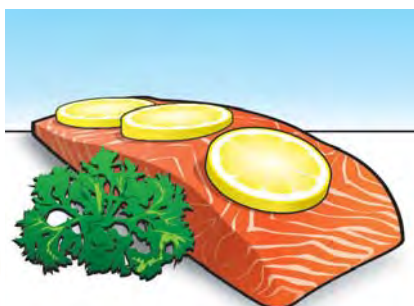
If you're going through some growing pains, add a little ginger to your diet. This spice is an all-natural anti-inflammatory that decreases muscle aches. Sprinkle some into your oatmeal and get rid of that ibuprofen.

## 3. GUAVA

This tropical fruit trumps all in the vitamin C category. Guavas help to protect the body against free radical damage that leads to aging, heart disease and cancers. Not to mention it's also great for your teeth!

## 4. SPINACH

The power punch of magnesium in this veggie helps maintain muscle tone and has been said to regulate blood sugar, which keeps everything moving smoothly. Plus, you can grow it in the winter. Popeye was onto something!



## 5. FISH

It's the omega-3s in fish that help fortify skin cell membranes, fight to keep toxins out of your system and guard against inflammation. Avoid deep-fried fish, though—or anything deep-fried for that matter.

## 6. ONIONS

As you age, your stomach can give you trouble. This bulb can help fight against bacteria that has been linked to ulcers and stomach inflammation.

## 7. KALE

This leafy green is a great source of vitamin K, helping blood coagulate and keeping your bones strong. For the best benefit, eat it cooked instead of raw!

## 8. PUMPKIN SEEDS

These seeds are packed with zinc, which is essential for skin renewal and maintaining a strong collagen balance every day!

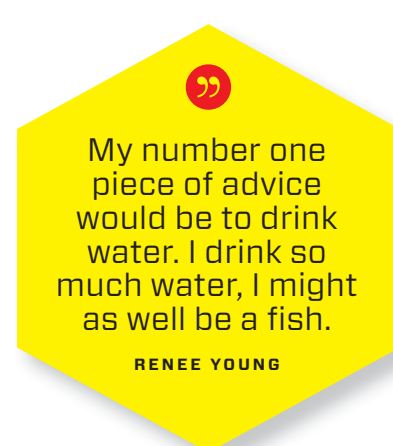


## 9. BROCCOLI

Essentially broccoli is a super food, but did you know that the vitamin C in it also aids in collagen (a prominent type of protein in the human body) production and that the vitamin E in it protects skin membranes?

## 10. GRAPES

Red grapes have been proven to keep your skin looking hydrated and healthy. The resveratrol—an antioxidant, which lowers the risk of heart disease and cholesterol—also battles UV damage that could lead to skin cancer.



My number one piece of advice would be to drink water. I drink so much water, I might as well be a fish.

RENEE YOUNG

## 4 BEHAVIORS THAT AGE YOU!

Kick this handful of habits to the curb or you'll look 30 going on 60 soon enough.

### NIGHT OWL

Burning the mid-night oil should only be for teens and Dolly Parton. Get a healthy eight hours of rest.

### RUBBING YOUR EYES

The skin by your eyes is vulnerable and its elasticity will deteriorate over time.

### SWEET TOOTH

If you don't say no to dessert, you're saying yes to wrinkles! Cupcakes come and go, but skin is forever.

### FACE AGAINST THE PILLOW

If you sleep face-down, it causes trauma to the skin and is linked to saggy eyes!





## Ask The Usos...

With an entrance as celebrated as their family tree, the Tag Team Champs sit down with *WWE Mag* to talk Samoan food, social media, and which brother is a better athlete.

By KAYLA PARENT Photography by JASON TANAKA BLANEY

**@ If you could describe the moment you won the WWE Tag Team Titles in one word, what would it be?**

← **Joshua C.**

Jey: "Grateful." That one word says it all.

Jimmy: There really is no word for it other than "epic."

**@ Who was the very first person you called after winning the Tag Titles?**

← **Pierre P.**

Jey: I had a bunch of text messages and voicemails from my family who had been watching. But the first person I called was my dad. He was the person I wanted to talk to before anyone else.

Jimmy: I called my mum! She doesn't really watch on a weekly basis because she gets too nervous seeing us in the ring, but she was really happy.

**@ Out of all the stipulation matches in WWE history, which would you most like to defend your titles in?**

← **Minka L.**

Jey: Definitely a Tables, Ladders and Chairs Match. I've always wanted to surpass The Hardy Boys, Edge & Christian, Dudley Boys match. I don't know if that's

possible, but I'd like to try.

Jimmy: I agree with Jey. I don't know if any tag team will ever outshine that match, but it would be awesome to give it our best shot.

**@ When it comes to social media, who is worse about checking it, and constantly being on his phone?**

← **Jamaal H.**

Jey: Jimmy. Especially because of *Total Divas* and people always hitting him up on Instagram. He's on his phone all the time! It's out of control.

Jimmy: Jey. He's so much more hands-on when it comes to that stuff, and is always trying to make me be more active on our Twitter account. He's definitely worse.

**@ Which of you is more skilled at sports outside the ring?**

← **Blake J.**

Jey: I would say I'm better at football, but Jimmy's got me on basketball. We go at it at ping pong, though!

Jimmy: We go back and forth, I'd say. My brother's good at pool, but I have a better jumpshot. He's faster than me, but let me just say here and now that I'm a better

chess player. When it comes to competition, it can go either way.

**@ Samoans are known for their big traditional meals. What would you have right now if you could?**

← **Larry B.**

Jey: We do, but you know what I want right now? A large deep-dish pizza with extra cheese and marinara sauce, with sausage, and a whole lot of mushrooms!

Jimmy: I'm always craving rice and chicken, we grew up on that. But what I'd really want is something called *Oka I'a*, which is raw fish with soy sauce, mayo, bell peppers, mushrooms. It's delicious!

**@ Since you started in WWE, is there a specific match that sticks out in your mind as your best?**

← **Tara F.**

Jey: *Money in the Bank* in Philly where we faced Roman Reigns and Seth Rollins for the Tag Titles. After that match, everyone got a glimpse of what we could do.

Jimmy: Yes, that was hands-down the most exciting and physical match that we've ever had. I've never had so much fun in the ring.

## WWE WATCHES THE WORLD CUP! / The Superstars get hyped for FIFA!



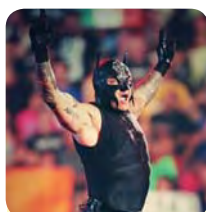
**@TrueKofi**

Damn! Congrats to USA. They played a great game! Now to focus on this battle royal...#RAW



**@WadeBarrett**

Shocked to see Spain crumble. Amazing to think just 2 years ago they were whipping Italy 4-0 in the Euro 2012 final.



**@reymysterio**

Incredible OCHOA MEXICO! Que Partido! Vamos a pegarle a Croation con un 619!



**@VivaDelRio**

And of course all the #losers r happy cause the #champion is losing #VivaEspana



**@JohnCena**

Okay Croatia, playing Brazil at home in @FifaWorldCup is like wrestling @TheRock in Miami. Good luck, you'll need it. #WorldCup2014



**@TheDamienSandow**

So there is a soccer game going on?





# GOT A BURNING QUESTION?

In the coming months we'll solicit Twitter questions for Fandango, Adam Rose and Paul Heyman. Fire off your best queries to: [@WWEMagazine](#). If your questions are interesting enough, one of them just might make it into *WWE Magazine*! And you thought the Web was just for *Game of Thrones* Pugs.





# A Night In With Natalya

In between filming a reality show and dominating the Divas roster, The Queen of Harts reveals her honest thoughts on *Total Divas*, her favourite movie ever, and the newest addition to her family.

By KAYLA PARENT Photography By JON RAGEL

**1. What is one activity you and your husband, Tyson Kidd, love doing on your days off together?**

We like to go to the beach and check out restaurants around Tampa. But Tyson is obsessed with WWE Network! We end up spending hours watching matches that we've seen 100 times. And, of course, we play with the cats.

**2. Speaking of your cats, we hear you just got a new one.**

Yes, now we have three. Charlotte, Louie, and three-month-old Makaveli (named from a Tupac album). Our cat life is getting out of control! I'd be embarrassed to tell you how many pictures and videos we have of our "children."

**3. Do you have any funny stories to share?**

Well, Charlotte and Louie didn't always get along and we didn't want that to happen with the new cat. So we had a strategic, dramatic three-day process of slowly introducing Makaveli to the cats. It worked! They both love him.

**4. So, if you were only allowed to shop in one store for the rest of your life, which would it be?**

Neiman Marcus. It has anything and everything I would ever need. From the makeup to the shoes to the home products, I'd be all set.

**5. Which movie could you watch over and over again and never get sick of?**

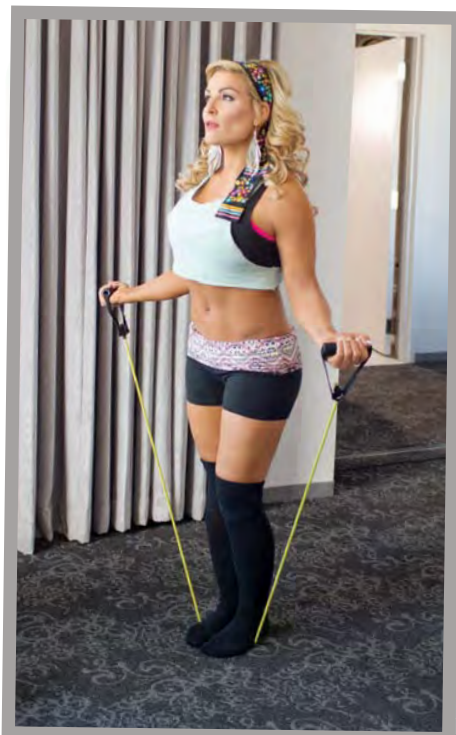
*Shawshank Redemption*. That really touched me the first time I saw it, and it gets me every time. Drama is probably my favourite genre.

**6. While working out, what is your least favourite exercise to do?**

I hate doing gym cardio. I would much rather be running outside in nature than being stuck on a treadmill or indoor bike. It makes me feel like a rat on a wheel!

**7. Tell us honestly, what's it like filming for *Total Divas*?**

It's liberating, and I find I enjoy it. I've been told I come off snooty by some, and I've been told that I'm the most relatable by others. At the end of the day, I'm just



being myself, and I feel lucky I have a platform to do that on.

**8. As a veteran of the locker room, what is one piece of advice that you give the girls backstage?**

Pick and choose your battles. That's my advice to everyone, including myself. It's a war zone every day here, in and out of the ring, so when you do speak up, make sure it means something.

**9. Which PPV did you really love in the past that you wish would come back?**

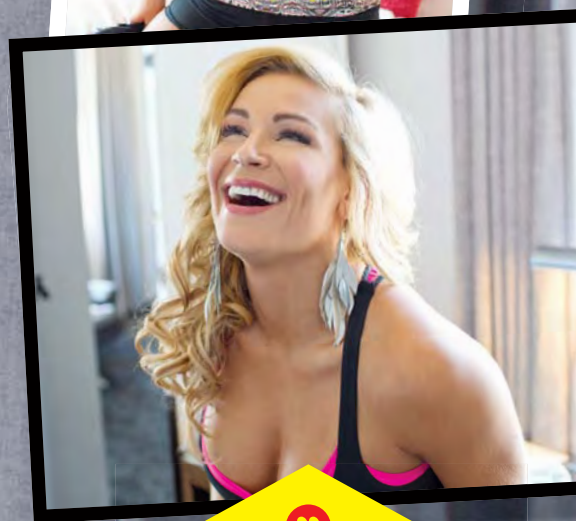
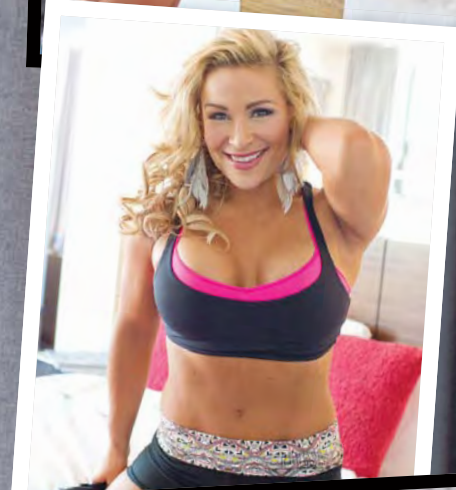
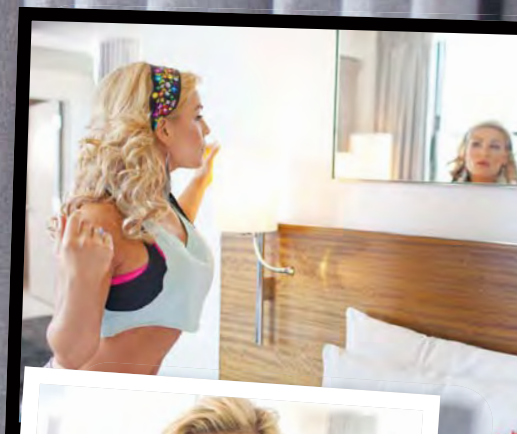
I think I'd have to choose *In Your House*. They actually gave away a real life house! You can't beat that.

**10. Lastly, after so many years in the ring, what has kept you motivated?**

My friend Shayna Bazler—one of the best fighters in the world—once said, "I was hungry when the prize was the scraps from the guys that feast from the table."







At the end of the day, I'm just being myself, and I feel lucky that I have a platform to do that on.

NATALYA



# How Much Do You Know About... Night Of Champions?

On a night when every title is up for grabs, only the most dedicated and indestructible Superstars and Divas leave with the gold! We've compiled 10 questions below about the most illustrious night of the year.

1

In 2010, Michelle McCool defeated Melina to unify the Women's Championship and the Divas Title. Can you find the 5 differences in this match photo?



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2

Which pay-per-view event did *Night Of Champions* evolve from back in 2007?



- A** Vengeance
- B** No Way Out
- C** Rebellion
- D** Fully Loaded



3

Which of the following Superstars did not appear on the 2008 *Night Of Champions* poster?

- A** Kane
- B** John Cena
- C** Chris Jericho
- D** Triple H

4

How did the 2013 *Night Of Champions* main event between Daniel Bryan and Randy Orton end?

- A** Orton pinned Bryan
- B** Bryan pinned Orton
- C** Double Disqualification
- D** Double Countout







**5** **Who Am I?** Edge defended his World Heavyweight Championship at consecutive *Night Of Champions* events against which Superstar?

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**6** Which of the above Superstars has never won a championship at the pay-per-view?

- A** The Miz
- B** Cesaro
- C** Mark Henry
- D** Kofi Kingston

**7** Which finisher ended the last-ever match for the ECW Championship at 2009's event?



- A** DDT
- B** Tommyhawk
- C** Spear
- D** Killswitch

**8** **Unscramble Me:** At the 2013 *Night Of Champions* event, this memorable duo narrowly won a Tag Team Turmoil Match for the right to face the WWE Tag Team Champions for the titles later that night.

TREMPIMIE YASPLER

**9** **True or False?** *Night Of Champions* is the one night a year where every title in WWE is up for grabs and must be defended! And there has never been an event at which all the Superstars have retained their titles.

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**10** **Fill in the blanks:** At *Night Of Champions 2010*, **A** defeated his brother **B** in a **C** match to retain the **D**.

- A** ?
- B** ?
- C** ?
- D** ?

**TIME'S UP!** / Match your answers below to see where you rank in terms of WWE intelligence.

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COMPETITOR

3 - 4



NXT  
ROOKIE

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TAG TEAM  
CHAMPIONS

8 - 9



UNITED STATES  
CHAMPION

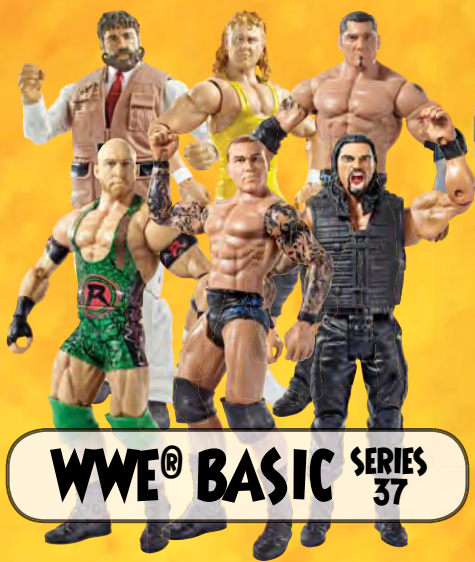
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WWE WORLD  
HEAVYWEIGHT  
CHAMPION

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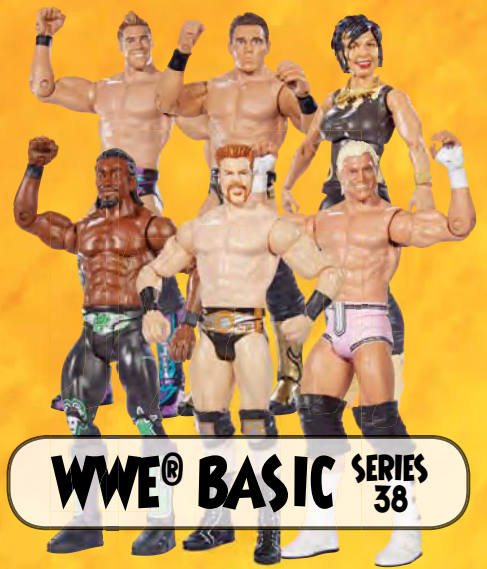




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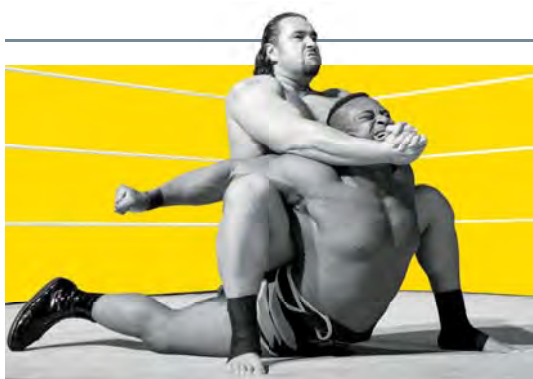
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# THE TOP 25 FINISHERS IN WWE (RIGHT NOW)

There's simply no way around it—the greatest grapplers are only as good as the last move their opponents ever see. Who has the best finisher in all of WWE today?



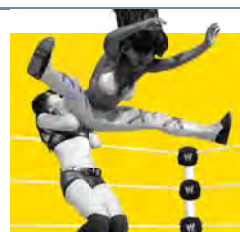
## 25. The Accolade

In the immortal words of Lana—"Rusev, CRUSH!" It's the massive pressure of the Accolade that allows The Bulgarian Brute to do all of said crushing.



## 24. Cross Armbreaker

The purpose of this submission is simple—break an opponent's arm. Once locked in, it's near-impossible to escape, and a tap-out is imminent.



## 23. The Rear End

With The Funkadactyls no more, Naomi is looking to leave Cameron—and the rest of the Divas—in her rearview, thanks in part to her leaping finisher.



## 22. Dark Matter

As with all of the most compelling things about wrestling, Stardust's Dark Matter is gracefully brutal—and surprisingly difficult to capture on film.





### 21. Skull-Crushing Finale

A full nelson that he turns into a punishing face-buster, Miz's face-first finisher is anything but awesome for his opponent. BURNNNN!



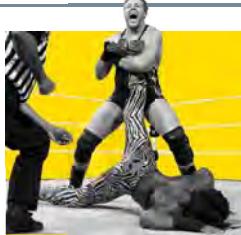
### 20. The Usos' Splash

Reminiscent of "Super Fly" Jimmy Snuka, when Jimmy & Jey take flight from the top rope, the whole world seems to stop for a perfect photo op.



### 18. Five-Star Frog Splash

When RVD's feelin' froggy as he leaps to the top rope, the WWE Universe leaps to its feet along with him.



### 17. The Patriot Lock

This Red, White and Blue Leglock is particularly painful because of the leverage afforded by Swagger's towering height.



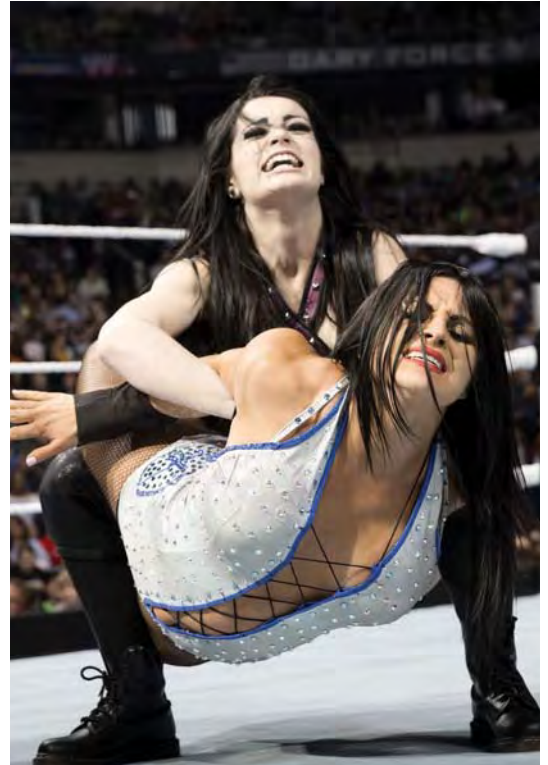
### 16. Bad News Bull Hammer

Quick, brutal, and perfectly named, Barrett's elbow-to-the-face finisher is (forgive us) Bad News for his opponent.



### 15. Chokeslam

For nearly two decades, The Devil's Favourite Demon has sent opponents straight to hell with his now-classic Chokeslam finisher.



### 19. PTO (Paige Tapout)

Deemed the PTO, Paige's Modified Scorpion Cross-lock submission perfectly encapsulates the mean streak within this former Divas Champion.



### 14. The Black Widow

AJ Lee is one of the most dangerous Divas ever. Utilising her athleticism—and predilection toward sadism—the Black Widow sums up her in-ring style.



### 13. The Big Ending

Big E is a big man with raw power, and his Big Ending finisher utilises every one of his 290 pounds by slamming his opponent into the mat.



### 12. Zig Zag

Understated, Dolph Ziggler is not. Keeping with that tradition, the Zig Zag is a blur of pink as he brings his opponent crashing to the canvas.





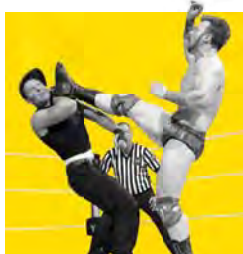
## 11. Curb Stomp

A quick, brutal act, Seth Rollins' Curb Stomp finisher has emerged as one of the most visceral and devastating moves in all of WWE.



## 7. Running Knee

It's been months of instability for Bryan, but one constant has been the fury he unleashes with every Knee he hits on a foe.



## 6. Brogue Kick

Sometimes it's the simplest moves that are the best—and the most painful. Just ask anyone who's had his face smashed in by Sheamus' boot.



## 5. Trouble in Paradise

Grace and power unite to create Kofi Kingston's spinning finisher that has, literally, sent opponents to the hospital. Just ask The Miz.



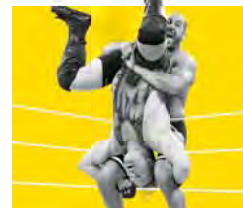
## 10. Spear

Sure, it's been used by other Superstars, but today, it belongs to Roman Reigns, who haunts WWE rings with what may well be the most earth-shattering deployment of the Spear ever.



## 9. Dirty Deeds

"Clean" is a word rarely associated with Dean Ambrose. He fights like a caged animal and looks like Pig Pen, and his Dirty Deeds finisher lives up to its name.



## 8. The Neutralizer

Cesaro is, pound-for-pound, the strongest Superstar in WWE, as evidenced by the fact that he's Neutralised everyone from The Great Khali to Big Show.



## 4. Sister Abigail

You can feel Wyatt's disdain for the world when he traps an opponent in his clutches and introduces him to this punishing finisher.



## 3. F-5

It's the move that dropped The Undertaker and laid to rest the greatest Streak in sports-entertainment history.



## 2. Attitude Adjustment

No Superstar has ever been as divisive as John Cena, but the WWE Universe can't argue about the power and timelessness of his signature AA.





**1. RKO** Simplistic in its application, devastating in its effect, the RKO is a move that can be administered anywhere at any time. It's the maneuver that transformed The Viper into one of the most decorated Superstars in WWE history, and made Randal Keith Orton a household name. Derived from Johnny Ace's "Ace Crusher," the RKO has evolved into a one-handed variation of the traditional facelock cutter...with truly devastating results.



**Before The Apex Predator Strikes...**

Orton signifies the coming of the RKO by battering his hands into the mat, literally stalking his prey like a Viper.



**Orton Hits an RKO Grand slam**

The Viper strikes—4 times—hitting rapid-fire RKOs on his MITB Ladder Match opponents at *WrestleMania 23* in Detroit.



**Not-so-Airbourne**

Perhaps the most famous iteration of the RKO was the one that grounded Evan Bourne on the 12/7/10 episode of *Raw*.







# RUMBLE WATCH YOUR BACK REIGN

For nearly two years, The Shield ran roughshod over WWE. That run raised the profiles of its three black-clad brothers-in-arms. But thanks to one sellout, The Shield is no more. Now, the man behind the Superman Punch is on his own, looking to dominate as a singles star.

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Typography by **CHRIS PARKS** Digital Imaging by **ERIC HEINTZ**



## LOOKING BACK

**WWE Magazine attempted to photograph you, Dean Ambrose, and Seth Rollins the day after *WWE Payback*. As it turned out, that was the day The Shield ended—the day Seth Rollins left. Can you speak honestly about what that was like? How did Roman Reigns handle the breakup of The Shield?**

It was one of those things—you could just feel something was going on. We were riding such a high after the pay-per-view the night before, and a lot of times you have the feeling that after a huge night like that, like, “Man, I wish I could just go home and end it on that” because you just never know what’s going to happen the next day. ...But this was something we were just completely caught off guard about. Yeah, man, it felt almost like a loss in the family. It was a sad day for sure.

**On that note, were you surprised that The Shield lasted as a team for as long as it did?**

Kind of—a little bit, yeah, but a little bit, no, because there were times when the subject was brought up but it just didn’t feel right and we just knew we had more time. Over the course of almost two years, we just kept gelling even more and we would evolve and change little things up. I felt like we were just continually getting better. So any time that’s happening—any time you keep progressing—you’re not even thinking of splitting up. You’re not even thinking of an end.

**Talk about The Shield: Why was it so special to be a member of that particular faction?**

For me, The Shield is everything. If not for The Shield, I mean, I imagine we would all have eventually got called up [to the main WWE roster], but we would have still been in a warehouse, just grinding and taking bumps and sweating. When you’re down on an island like that, that’s how it feels; there’s no connection to anybody. It’s just monotonous and every single day feels like Groundhog Day. The Shield got us out of a hot, sweaty warehouse and put us on a platform for the world to see. So for me, I owe everything to The Shield.

**What was your best day as a member of The Hounds of Justice?**

Man, there were just so many good moments that it’s hard to just point one out. The easiest answer to give would probably be the *WrestleMania* matches. Big wins at *WrestleMania*. Probably the coolest moment for me was working with The Undertaker in a Six-Man Tag Team Match in England. The cool thing was, we opened up a Live Event against



**“AT FIRST, IT WAS KIND OF LIKE MOURNING A LOSS, BUT I’M SUPER EXCITED. I’M SUPER-PUMPED ABOUT MY DIRECTION AND WHERE I’M GOING.”**

The New Age Outlaws, then hopped on a chopper in full gear, flew to the O2 Arena, and then immediately went out there and killed it. And then the next night, we put The Undertaker out. I speared him through the wall, and we put him through the announce table and he didn’t show up until *WrestleMania*. So that whole sequence of events was something I will never forget.

**Was there any business left unfinished? Is there anything you would have liked to see The Shield accomplish that didn’t happen?**

I would have liked to have evened up against The Wyatts. But something tells me that The Wyatts are going to be around WWE for a long time, and, I mean, you have to put us up there with the top five factions in WWE history. And a lot of times these groups—when they’re as powerful as we were—there’s a reunion. So really, you never know.

**Did you three always travel together?**

Yep. For a little while, different things happened where we kind of split up a little bit. But for a long time we did ride together.

**What’s the last thing you guys did together as a team?**

A steak dinner and a few cold beers.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Now that The Shield is broken up, what’s next? Are you afraid of being on your own?**

I’m excited. At first, I was a little sad, just because I’m big on camaraderie and the whole brotherhood part of this. At first, like I said, it was kind of like mourning a loss, but I’m super excited—like a sad excitement. I’m super-pumped about my direction and where I’m going in the future. But at the same time, I did a whole European Tour working singles matches against Randy Orton in the main event, so it’s not





weird to be on my own. I knew this was going to happen eventually. I'm extremely confident in my abilities in the ring. I will keep carrying on, doing what I'm doing. Nothing changes for me. I'm still trying to set the bar as high as I can and leave this place better than when I found it.

**What are your goals now as a singles competitor?**

One hundred percent to be WWE World Heavyweight Champion, to be the top guy and to represent the company the best I can.

**There's a lot of talk that you're the next breakout star in WWE. The expectation level is so high—how do you handle that?**

I've always been told that I have pretty good potential. My main thing is to outgrow—to exceed—my potential. At the same time that it's flattering, it's a big responsibility that brings a lot of stress.

But it's something that I've always said—as long as I wake up in the morning, I can handle anything under the sun. Just as long as I'm given the opportunity to live throughout the day, I'm good to go. It's going to be a learning experience and I'll learn some things on the fly, but I'm willing to do anything and do whatever it takes to be the best at what we do.

**What do you feel is your biggest challenge outside the ring?**

I would say being away from home—the travel. We've always said this: They don't pay us to wrestle, they pay us to travel. So, constantly being cramped up in a car, flying up and down. That air pressure causes obvious changes on your body. When you fly as much as we do, your circulation isn't as good as what it could be. You get a lot of swelling in your legs and your feet. Over a two-year span, the amount of travel can really take a toll. Not only that, but you're away from your loved ones, and that's the hardest part.

**Speaking of your family, what did it mean to you to be part of the Ad Council Fatherhood campaign with your daughter?**

I'm extremely proud of being part of the campaign. There are a lot of things I aspire to be in life, my own personal goals. But the biggest thing I can do is be a good father and a great provider for my family. That's my biggest role in life—being a father and being a son and all the things after that.

**Who is your hero then?**

My mum.

**What has been the most frightening thing you've had to do as a Superstar?**

Climbing that ladder, going for the WWE World Heavyweight Championship [at WWE Money in the Bank 2014]. I'm not big on heights, so probably being on a shaky, wobbly ladder with six other guys trying to take me out was not my favourite thing. Probably messing with those ladders at Money in the Bank—that was the most frightening thing.

**When you started here, what was your biggest weakness? Is it still a weakness, or have you been able to convert it into a strength?**

I imagine a lot of people would probably say my mic work. As I evolve and people get to know me a little bit more, they'll see that I'm a lot more outgoing and charismatic than what I may come off as on television. That's just me doing what I have to do to establish myself and do this badass thing. But I think over time people will come to appreciate my personality and my sense of humour and just the way I carry myself and socialise with others.

**Finally, there's still so much we don't know about Roman Reigns. You can tell a lot about a man by the music he listens to. What makes the cut on your playlist?**

Music is such a hard category for me. The way I like music is like emotions. I don't like one genre. That's one thing about Seth that always confused me. He's super into Heavy Metal, and when people are like that, it makes me think, are they just doing it to represent something? Or are they being stubborn? Because, for me, I sleep to Bob Marley. Before a match, I'm listening to Eminem, a little bit harder rap. Throughout the day, like when we're driving, I'm listening to Hank Williams Jr. My one song right now, I would have to say, is by Kings of Leon—"Cold Desert." I love that song. And especially the story behind it—his brother was just completely in a blackout state and he was able to form and freestyle the whole song, and I thought that was cool. 🎸



# DOWN THE RING







The WWE ring is a 20'-by-20' square with four corner turnbuckles and three ropes in between. Throughout history, many have claimed that workspace as their own, but *WWE Magazine* takes the argument one step further. Which Superstars now thrive in which specific parts of the ring?

By **Alex Giannini** Photography by **Jason Tanaka Blaney**





## **SHEAMUS:** Trapped In the Ropes Applying the Ten Beats of the Bodhrán

... You know the move, though you might not know its name. When The Celtic Warrior traps an opponent between the apron and the ropes, it's time for some good, old-fashioned clubbing. Sheamus pounds his adversary's chest, turning it a painful shade of red. Taking a cue from his Gaelic heritage, Sheamus named the move The Ten Beats of the Bodhrán, and as evidenced by the welts it leaves behind, it's not a song we'd want to sing.

**SHEAMUS:** "The Bodhrán is a very famous Irish hand drum that's used in a lot of traditional Irish bands. Beating the Bodhrán is like beating the drum. The 'Ten Beats' is something the WWE Universe got behind, because when I started hitting my opponent in the chest, the crowd would count along to 10. So the WWE Universe is responsible for the 'Ten Beats,' and with the Bodhrán itself, I'm playing sweet music to the crowd."





## SIN CARA: Plancha, From The Top of the Turnbuckle

... You can't take the sky from him. One of the most graceful Superstars of all time, Sin Cara is most comfortable in the air. Like a comic book superhero come to full, four-colour life, the high-flier has dazzled denizens of the WWE Universe since his debut with an aerial assault that keeps foes as bewildered as the fans are awestruck.

**SIN CARA:** "First of all, being in the ring for me is a dream come true. When I was a little kid, I would play around on the monkey bars and I would throw myself all over the place. You have the feeling of being invincible and that you're flying. Obviously, we all know that for man, flying is impossible, but for that moment when I'm flying in the ring, flying off the turnbuckle or the ropes, I feel like I'm in another world. It's fun for me to be able to do that, especially working for the best company in the world."

## BRAY WYATT: Spider Walk, All Around The Ring

... We don't care what you say: There's such a thing as bad juju, and Bray Wyatt is surrounded by it. He's been called a lot of things in his relatively brief time in WWE, but the best descriptor for The Man

of 1,000 Truths might be that he's a terrorist of the mind, and he has no more potent weapon than his patented—and terrifying—Spider Walk. A herky-jerky movement straight out of *The Exorcist*, the impact of his

inverted, unnatural ring crawl can be seen, quite literally, on the horrorstruck faces of his opponents, including even John Cena. It's psychological warfare, plain and simple. And Bray Wyatt is winning.







## **RANDY ORTON:** **Turnbuckle Pose**

... WWE is known for its iconic Superstars, and Randy Orton certainly fits that bill. More than that, though, The Viper has achieved something that few Superstars before him have managed. Like Austin's favourite finger and The Four Horsemen's legendary hand symbol, Orton's top-rope pose has become one of the most instantly recognisable signature gestures in WWE history.





**SWAGGER:** “No matter the size of your opponent, if you take out the leg, he’s going down, whether it’s Rey Mysterio or Big Show. You stop the high-flying and you stop the power. Across any discipline, whether it’s mixed martial arts or amateur wrestling or WWE, the Patriot Lock is a renowned finisher. There’s so much intensity just keeping them in the center of the ring. I’m on my toes, low center of gravity, and I’m digging. Once I lock in the hold, the fight’s not over—that’s when the fight begins.”

## JACK SWAGGER: Center of the Ring Cinching in the Patriot Lock

... Some finishing maneuvers are classics that simply stand the test of time. Such is the case with Jack Swagger’s middle-of-the-ring Patriot Lock, a devastating submission hold that has been utilised by a number of different competitors, like Ken Shamrock and Kurt Angle. Swagger twists and torques an opponent’s ankle until he cries, “Uncle (Sam)”!

## ROMAN REIGNS: DropKick, The Apron

... His Spear can shake the foundations of an arena and when it was employed back in the days of The Shield, the Triple Powerbomb—of

which Roman Reigns was the anchor—was an act of utter destruction. But just outside the ring, the big man displays an almost

shocking act of agility with an apron drop-kick that puts him parallel to the ground—and about four feet off it. Poetry with a kick.

**REIGNS:** “The apron dropkick is a hybrid move of power and agility and a good bit of speed as well because when I slide out of the ring and I grab the post, I’m picking up steam. That’s something I like to do with all of my moves: make them as explosive as possible. But there’s this bit of gracefulness. It’s kind of like art to me.”







## DANIEL BRYAN: Diving Through-the-Second-and-Third-Ropes

... Because of the way he looks—scraggly beard, untamed hair—perhaps, the word “finesse” isn’t one that’s necessarily associated with Daniel Bryan. His movements inside the ring can appear laboured and twitchy and not that pretty at all. Still, there is this contradictory, almost easy fluidity to how effortlessly he glides between—and through—the ropes.

## THE USOS: Tag Team Rope, Outside Corner

... Tag Team Champions. Brothers. These are the ties that bind Jimmy & Jey Uso. And in another sense, it’s the tag team

rope situated on the turnbuckle that literally binds the twins. A long-enforced ring rule, an inactive tag team member must hold on to

said rope until tagged into the bout. Even so, it’s a brother’s presence and twin presence of mind that helps fuel this duo inside the ring.

**JIMMY:** “It’s twin stuff. We can read the emotion in each other’s eyes immediately. When he’s standing there, I can literally feel him if he’s trying to get my attention, or if he’s cheering me on and wants me to keep going. I can’t even explain it, really, but we’ll give each other the weirdest look sometimes and we’ll know what each other is thinking.”







## **DEAN AMBROSE: Backed Into the Corner with a Flur- ried Attack**

... Spoiler warning: Dean Ambrose might be crazy. Just throwing that out there. Even when he doesn't have his back against the buckle, he fights like a wounded animal, so when he manages to trap his opponent against the turnbuckle...anything can happen. He'll throw thousands of punches, as long as he lands enough to leave his foe dazed and confused. Fists, feet and who-knows-what-else fly in scary fashion as The Lunatic Fringe loses it in the corner.

**AMBROSE:** "Getting an opponent in the corner is a way of getting him in a position where he can't run away. When you're positioned where you have nowhere to run and you're getting barraged by punches and kicks, gouges and headbutts, you start to have a feeling that you're in over your head. If your opponent has a feeling of drowning in deep water, then that's when you have a distinct mental advantage."



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## TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

■ PARAMOUNT PICTURES [TBC]

The city needs heroes. Darkness has settled over New York City as Shredder and his evil Foot Clan have an iron grip on everything from the police to the politicians. The future is grim until four unlikely outcast brothers rise from the sewers and discover their destiny as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The Turtles must work with fearless reporter April and her wise-cracking cameraman Vern Fenwick to save the city and unravel Shredder's diabolical plan.

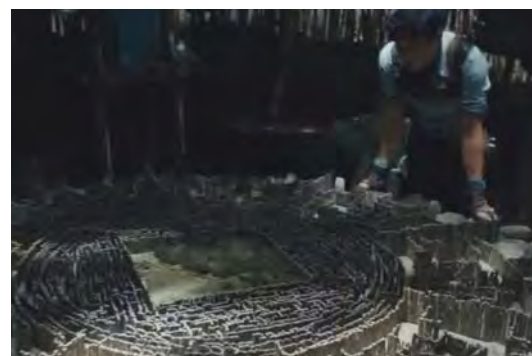






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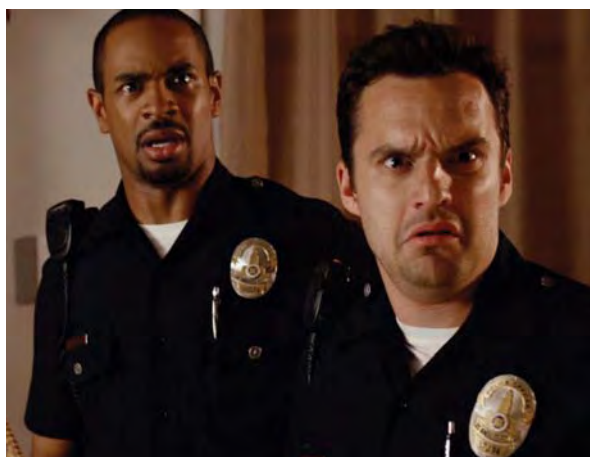




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■ 20TH CENTURY FOX [TBC]

When Thomas wakes up trapped in a massive maze with a group of other boys, he has no memory of the outside world other than strange dreams about a mysterious organisation known as W.C.K.D. Only by piecing together fragments of his past with the clues he discovers from within the maze can Thomas hope to uncover his true purpose and find a way to escape.



## LET'S BE COPS

■ 20TH CENTURY FOX [TBC]

It's the ultimate buddy cop movie except for one thing: they're not cops. When two struggling pals dress as police officers for a costume party, they become neighbourhood sensations. But when these newly-minted "heroes" get tangled in a real life web of mobsters and dirty detectives, they must put their fake badges on the line.



## THE EQUALIZER

■ COLUMBIA PICTURES [TBC]

Robert McCall has put his mysterious past behind him and dedicated himself to beginning a new, quiet life. But when he meets Teri, a young girl under the control of ultra-violent Russian gangsters, he can't stand idly by. Armed with skills that allow him to serve vengeance against anyone who would brutalise the helpless, McCall comes out of retirement and finds his desire for justice reawakened. If someone has a problem, if the odds are stacked against them, if they have nowhere else to turn, McCall will help. He is The Equalizer.



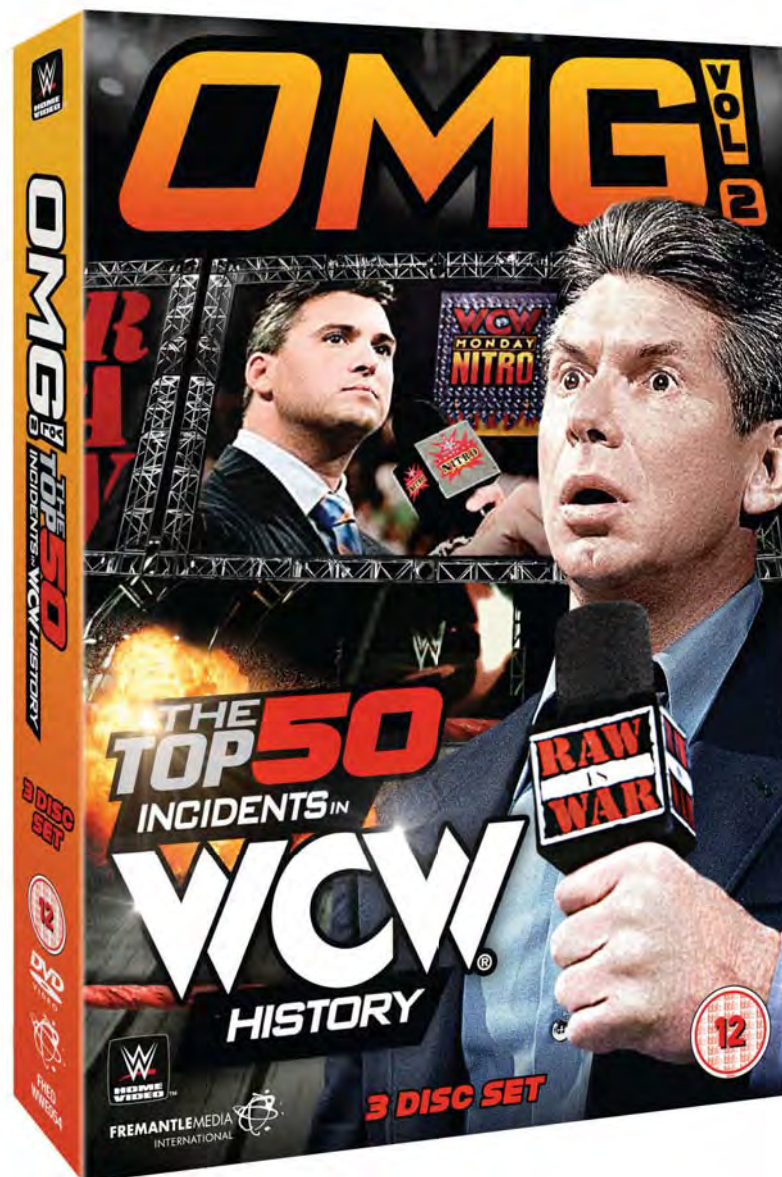
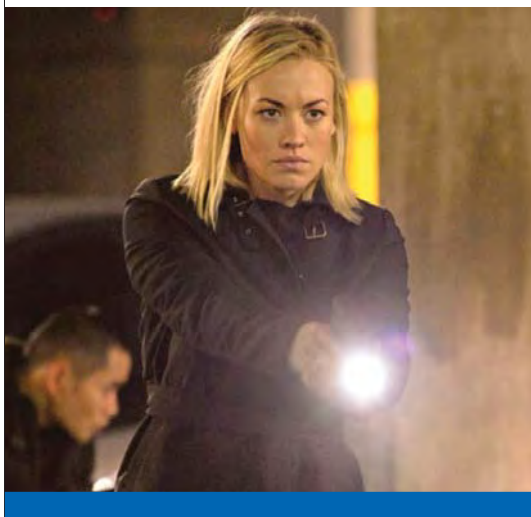




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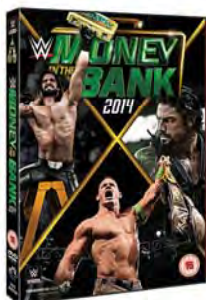
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## **OMG! VOLUME 2 THE TOP 20 INCIDENTS IN WCW HISTORY**

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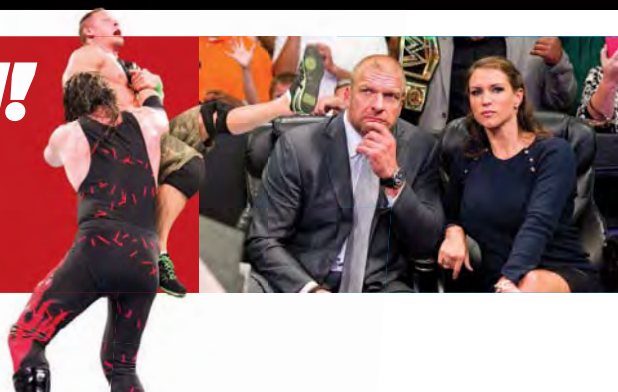
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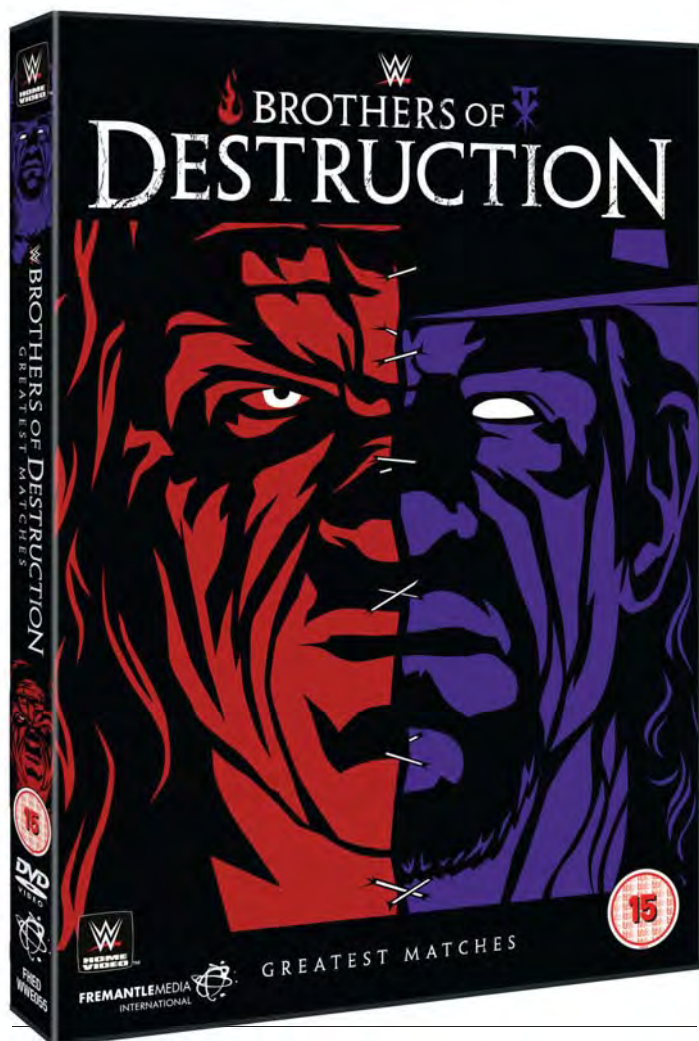
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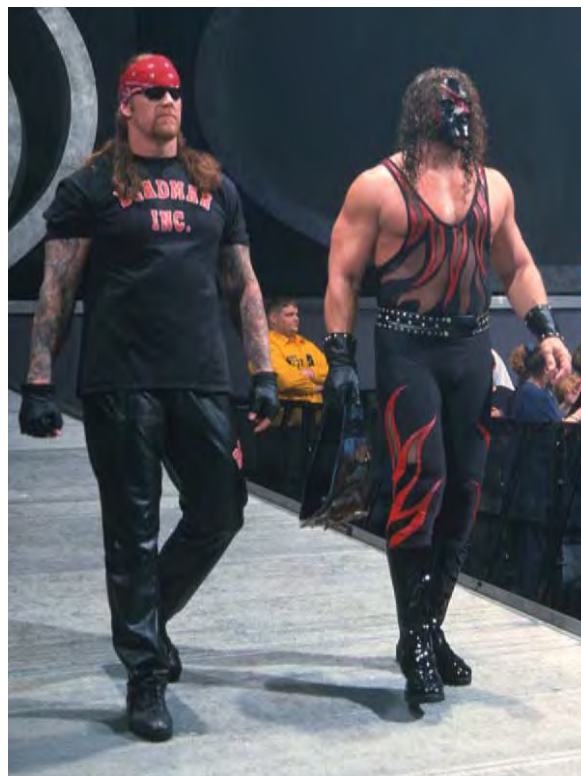




## **BROTHERS OF DESTRUCTION**

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The saga of Undertaker and Kane has taken many sordid twists since the inferno that left their souls forever charred. The combustible combo has buried their deep-seeded rivalry on several occasions, always close enough to the surface to ignite at the touch of a spark. Still, their blood bond makes them an indomitable force in the ring. And every so often, old wounds close up long enough to unite WWE's darkest duo under one common purpose - destruction. In this DVD, see the Brothers of Destruction scorch their path of wreckage through WWE. Seven devastating matches against some of the greatest tag teams of the new millennium are presented in their entirety. Witness WWE's most volatile Superstars, The Deadman and the Devil's Favourite Demon, on the same page before they tear each other apart once again!



### **SMACKDOWN - 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2001** **UNDERTAKER & KANE vs. EDGE & CHRISTIAN**

Edge and Christian were tag team champions heading into this match, but their youthful energy couldn't contend with some forceful offense from the American Badass and Kane, with a Last Ride on Edge sealing the deal. The match descended into chaos after the final bell, but so did most Brothers of Destruction matches!



### **SUMMERSLAM - 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2001** **UNDERTAKER & KANE vs. DIAMOND DALLAS & KANYON**

A victory over the WCW Tag Champions served to highlight that at their peak, Kane and Undertaker were a match for any opponents. During the frenzied days of the WCW Invasion, the Brothers of Destruction could be relied upon to stand tall for the WWE and after a Last Ride on DDP, they won this bruising encounter.



**RAW - 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2013**  
**UNDERTAKER & KANE w/ DANIEL BRYAN vs. THE SHIELD**

The most recent match on our rundown saw the combination of Team Hell No, Kane's second most beloved tag team pair-up. The towering Brothers and Daniel Bryan formed an impressive team, but up against a Shield team that was at the peak of its powers? It just wasn't enough. Bryan missed his flying headbutt and Dean Ambrose got the roll-up pin for the pinfall.



**SMACKDOWN - 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2008**  
**UNDERTAKER & KANE vs. MARK HENRY & BIG DADDY V**

There was always an undeniable attraction in seeing two giants like Kane and The Undertaker square off against a team of fellow titans. Undertaker would choke Mark Henry out to win this match, but only after each of the four men had demonstrated inhuman strength!



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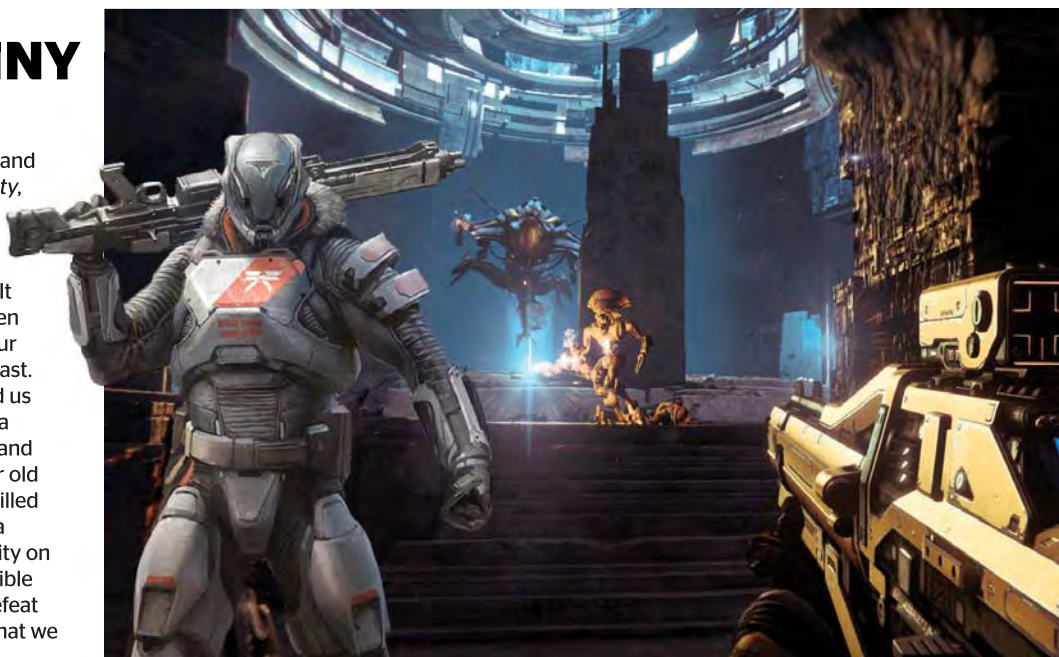


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■ 30/6, RAW

## BEATDOWN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Cesaro destroys Kofi Kingston after the bell

On paper, a match pitting Kofi Kingston against Cesaro sounds pretty awesome. In practice, it's even better. When the two collided on *Raw*, The Wildcat shocked Cesaro, reversing the Neutraliser into a sunset flip rollup for the big Monday night victory. But Kofi wasn't even allowed time to celebrate his win, thanks to Cesaro's advocate, Paul Heyman, who instructed the Swiss-born Superstar to teach Kingston a lesson. Unfortunately for The Boom Squad General, that lesson came in the form of an absolute beat down after the bell that left Kofi grounded. Cesaro's mean streak is, in a word, frightening.









14

Total number of haymakers thrown and landed during the Reigns/Kane brawl.



7/7, RAW

## BRAWL OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Reigns brings the fight to Kane, Finlay becomes collateral damage

**ROMAN REIGNS AND KANE** kicked off Raw by battling throughout the arena and trading blows in frightening fashion. When WWE Senior Officials attempted to separate the mad-as-hell Superstars, they were met with plenty of resistance. Case in point, WWE Legend Finlay was leveled with a brutal, ring-shaking Spear by the former Shield enforcer that brought the WWE Universe in attendance to their feet and brought out the howl in Reigns.





■ 29/6, **MONEY IN THE BANK**

## SCREWJOB OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Kane costs Ambrose the briefcase, Rollins scores the contract

**SO THIS WAS PLAN B?** At *Money in the Bank*, all of The Authority's scheming came to fruition as Seth Rollins completed the circle and claimed the vaunted contract atop the ladder.

**"IT'S EXACTLY WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN... THE EVOLUTION OF SETH ROLLINS."**

—SETH ROLLINS ON BECOMING MR. MONEY IN THE BANK;  
29/6, **WWE.COM**



■ 16/6, **RAW**

## MAIN EVENT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

John Cena Lays out Demon Kane in a blockbuster Monday Night *Raw* battle

**THE FIRST STRETCHER MATCH** since 2005 turned into an all-out brawl with both seasoned Superstars looking to end the bout early. Interference came from all sides in the form of Randy Orton, Seth Rollins, and

Dean Ambrose, but amidst the chaos and confusion, The Champ overcame the odds (should we have expected any less?) with an Attitude Adjustment from hell, and rolled an unconscious Kane over the line to victory.





■ 16/6, **RAW**

## DEBUT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Starting in 2014, all Rhodes officially lead to the bizarre!

### THE WWE UNIVERSE WATCHED IN

**FASCINATION** as a new never-before-seen Superstar made his way to the ring to stand beside the ever-strange Goldust. Decked out in face-paint, a black and gold bodysuit, and

a new sparkly and strange attitude, Stardust made his entrance as if he had been there all along. The “dusty duo” brothers made quick work and took advantage of their slightly stunned opponents in RybAxel.



■ 4/7, **SMACKDOWN**

## REIGNITED RIVALRY OF THE YEAR

Bad blood still brewing between Sheamus and Del Rio, it never ends

**IT ISN'T THE FIRST TIME** these two Superstars have met in the squared circle to blow off steam, and judging by the hostility boiling between them, it isn't likely to be their last either!

**“THE ROADS WE ARE TRAVELING... ARE GOING TO REQUIRE SOMETHING BIZARRE!”**

—STARDUST, EMBRACING HIS ECCENTRIC SIDE; 7/7, **RAW**





# 12

No. of staples needed to close up The Viper's head wound after being hit with a ladder.



■ 29/6, **MONEY IN THE BANK**

## CHAMPION OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

John Cena breaks his own record, becoming a 12-time WWE Champion

**IN A MATCH CHOCK FULL OF** mega Superstars, there was no telling who would ultimately climb the ladder and grab the WWE World Heavyweight Championship. Although Roman Reigns was a standout,

and both Sheamus and Cesaro came close to victory, Cena didn't give up and didn't back down. Even when it looked like the bout was in The Swiss Superstar's bag, in the end...The Champ was...the champ.



# 878

The combined weight of The Wyatt Family, in pounds. Erick Rowan weighs the most at 315.



■ 29/6, **MONEY IN THE BANK**

## TAG TEAM MATCH OF THE YEAR

Tag Team Champions retain titles, curb the creepy Wyatts...for now

**A PAIR OF HIGH-FLYING BROTHERS** grounded the circling buzzards at *Money in the Bank*, as WWE Tag Team Champions Jimmy & Jey Uso dropped Wyatt Family members Erick Rowan & Luke Harper in a truly epic pay-

per-view battle. The Usos kept the monsters at bay with numerous well-timed kicks and high-risk maneuvers that, fortunately for the Samoan warriors, found their terrifying targets and paved the way to victory.





■ 4/7, **SMACKDOWN**

## PATRIOT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Fourth of July face-off between Real Americans and Russians, lots of Swag

**ON INDEPENDENCE DAY**, Real Americans Jack Swagger and Zeb Colter chose *SmackDown* as their platform to (thankfully) interrupt Lana and Rusev, mid-tirade. Swagger and Colter arrived just in the nick

of time to preach about the glory of the United States with a quiz about American inventions. A stare down of epic proportions between Swagger and The Bulgarian Brute ensued, and nearly incited fireworks.

## SEPTEMBER IN WWE

Turn here first to find out when the Superstars will be in your town next! (Times US Regional)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>RAW</b> Des Moines, IA 6:30pm <b>BROTHERS OF DESTRUCTION DVD</b> available now!	<b>2</b> <b>SMACKDOWN</b> Lincoln, NE 6:45pm			<b>5</b> <b>WWE LIVE EVENT</b> Terre Haute, IN 7:30pm	<b>6</b> <b>WWE LIVE EVENT</b> Dayton, OH 7:30pm <b>WWE LIVE EVENT</b> Hampton, VA 7:30pm
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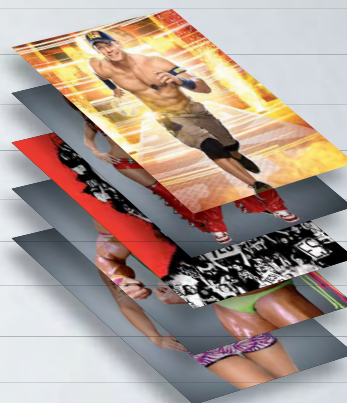
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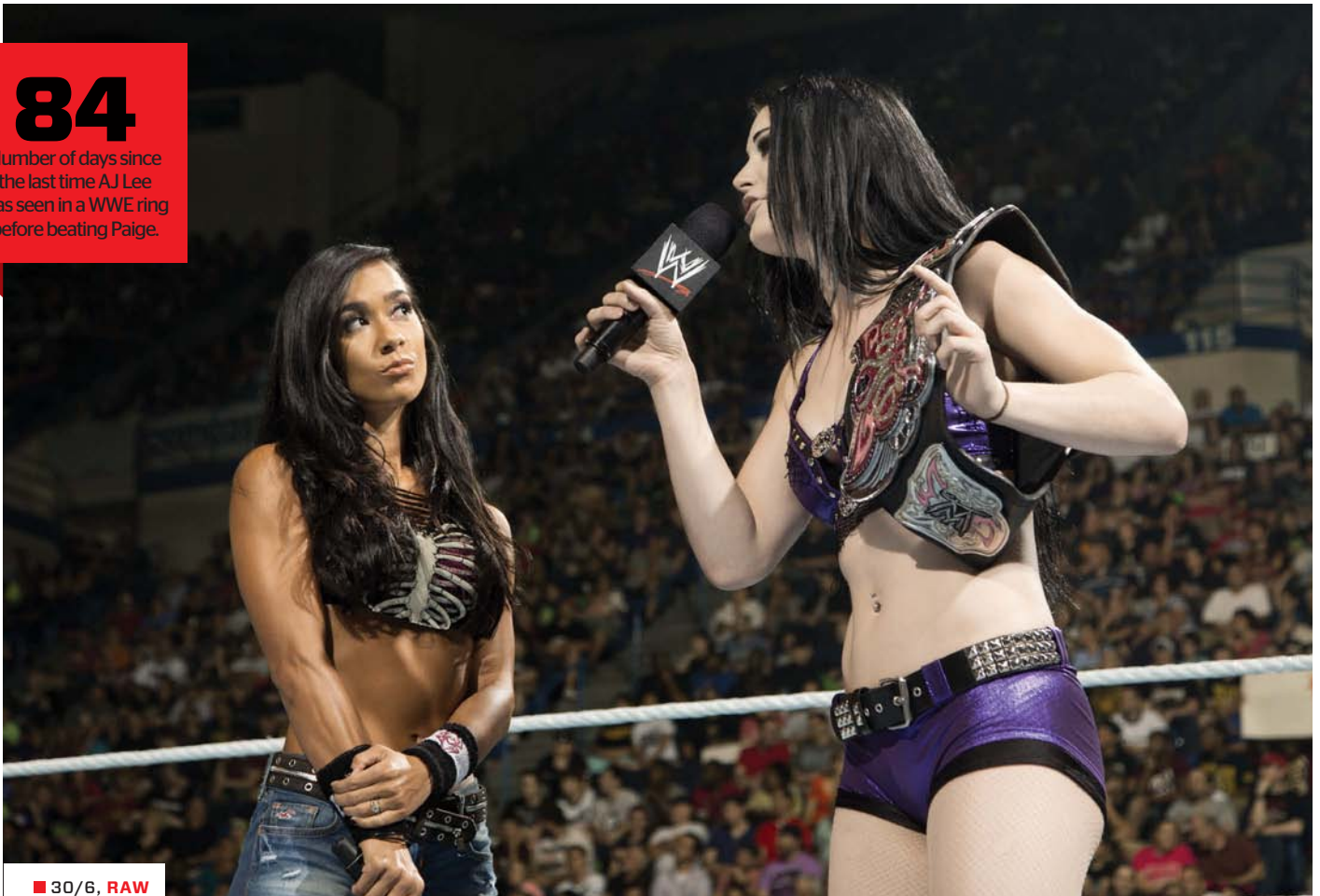


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Number of days since the last time AJ Lee was seen in a WWE ring before beating Paige.



■ 30/6, RAW

## SHOCKING RETURNS OF THE YEAR

Chris Jericho, The Miz & Great Khali all in one night. Oh, and AJ Lee, too!

**IT HAD THAT POST-WRESTLEMANIA RAW FEELING**, that's for sure. From the chills-inducing Y2J/Wyatt Family confrontation to the reemergence of The Great Khali, and an appearance by The Awesome One thrown in

there, to boot, you'd think the WWE Universe got its money's worth. But the night was far from over, as AJ Lee shockingly returned to *Raw*, coaxed Paige into a Title Match, and reclaimed her coveted Divas Championship!



■ 29/6, MONEY IN THE BANK

## BUMMER OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Bryan's bad news isn't helped by Bo

**SAY IT AIN'T SO!** Daniel Bryan arrived at *WWE Money in the Bank* with some bad news: Due to his injury, The Beard simply doesn't have a timeline for his return. Looking to help, "The Inspirational" Bo Dallas emerged, only to have Bryan call him a "Bo-Ner," much to the delight of Twitter and the WWE Universe.

**"I'M GOING TO BE BACK AND I'M GOING TO WIN THE WWE WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP!"**

—DANIEL BRYAN, ADDRESSING THE WWE UNIVERSE; 29/6, **WWE MONEY IN THE BANK**



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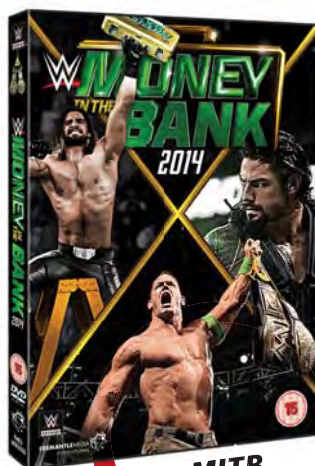
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■ 29/06/2014, BOSTON, MA



The run-up to *Money in the Bank* this year saw one of the most shocking moments in recent WWE history, as Seth Rollins turned on his Shield teammates with the help of a steel chair. The aftermath of that brutal assault would play a major part in the shaping of what's always been one of the most exciting Pay-Per-View nights on the WWE calendar.



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■ **WWE TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**

A terrific match to open the night with, The Usos took on the demented Erick Rowan and Luke Harper. Some clever early tags by Jimmy and Jey were matched by the brute force of Harper's big boot, setting the pace for the encounter. The battle went outside the ring before Rowan mounted the top ropes. The Usos climbed up to hit a double superplex that ended the match and brought the crowd to their feet.

**THE USOS vs. THE WYATT FAMILY**



**PAIGE vs. NAOMI**

■ **WWE DIVAS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Naomi stepped into the ring at *Money in the Bank* confident that she was as tough an opponent as Paige had faced during her time as Divas Champion. Perhaps that's why she launched into an aggressive opening salvo, but it was one that the British Divas Champion was able to survive. The champion hit a Ram-Paige DDT and won to retain her title - until Raw the next night at least!





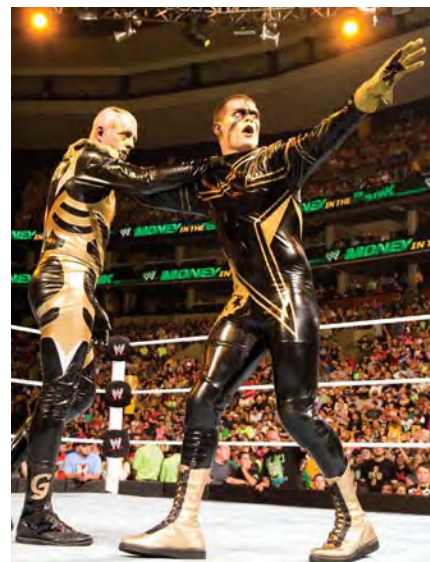
## ADAM ROSE vs. DAMIEN SANDOW

### ■ SINGLES MATCH

Sandow's mockery of historical Boston hero Paul Revere didn't go down too well with the native crowd, who cheered the interruption from Adam Rose. Damien Sandow pressed for the win with the Terminus and an attempted moonsault but the Party Foul from Rose gave him the win.



## RYBAXEL vs. GOLDUST & STARDUST



### ■ SINGLES MATCH

The strength of Ryback met its match in the mysterious and unpredictable team of Goldust and Stardust, who beat them to continue their rise through the tag ranks. Frustrated by the slick tag team dynamic of his opponents, Curtis Axel tried a power move and ended up taking out Ryback. A quick roll-up followed and Stardust recorded the victory.



**DEAN AMBROSE vs. SETH ROLLINS vs. KOFI KINGSTON  
vs. DOLPH ZIGGLER vs. JACK SWAGGER vs. ROB VAN DAM**



■ **MONEY IN THE BANK LADDER MATCH**

The arena was electric as Dean Ambrose sprinted to the ring to take the fight straight to Seth Rollins. As those two brawled, the experienced veterans Kofi Kingston and Rob Van Dam took control in the ring but met their match in the electricity of Dolph Ziggler and the power of Jack Swagger. As Ambrose

was led to the back with a shoulder injury, the stage was set for a chair-swinging Rollins to win. Ambrose defied doctors to knock Rollins off the ladder. That's when Kane came to the ring to take out Ambrose, and clear the path for Rollins to unhook the briefcase and claim a very significant victory.



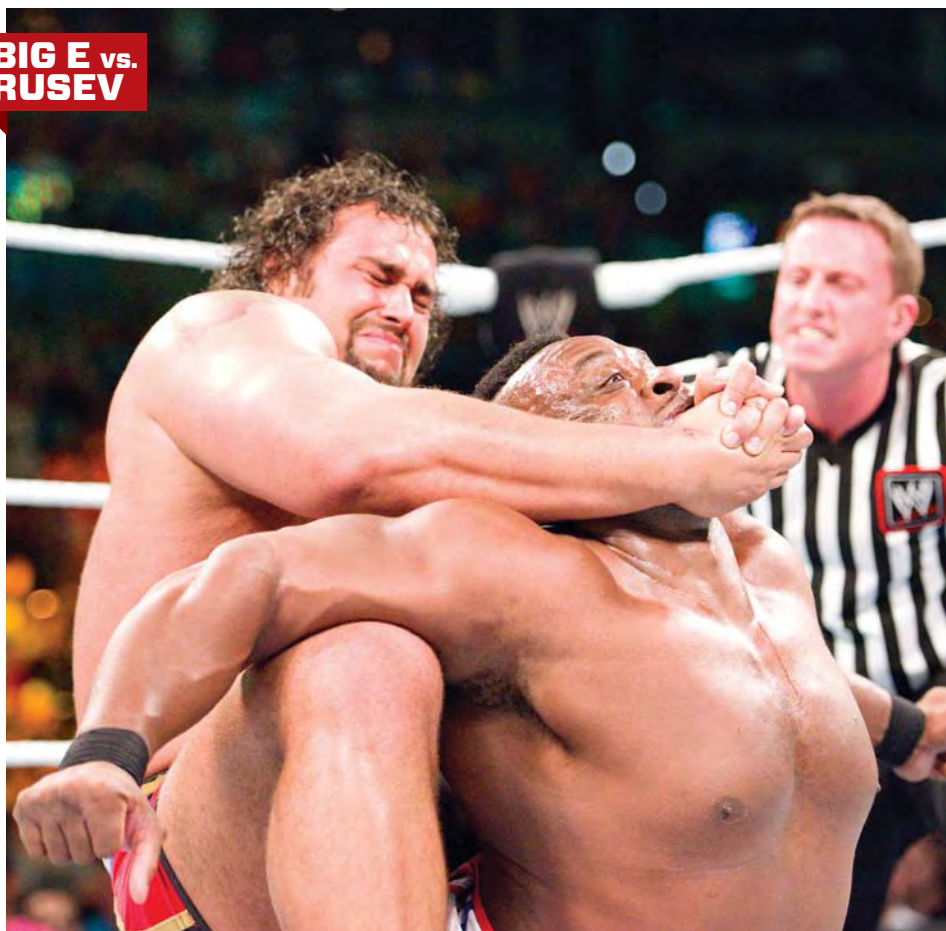




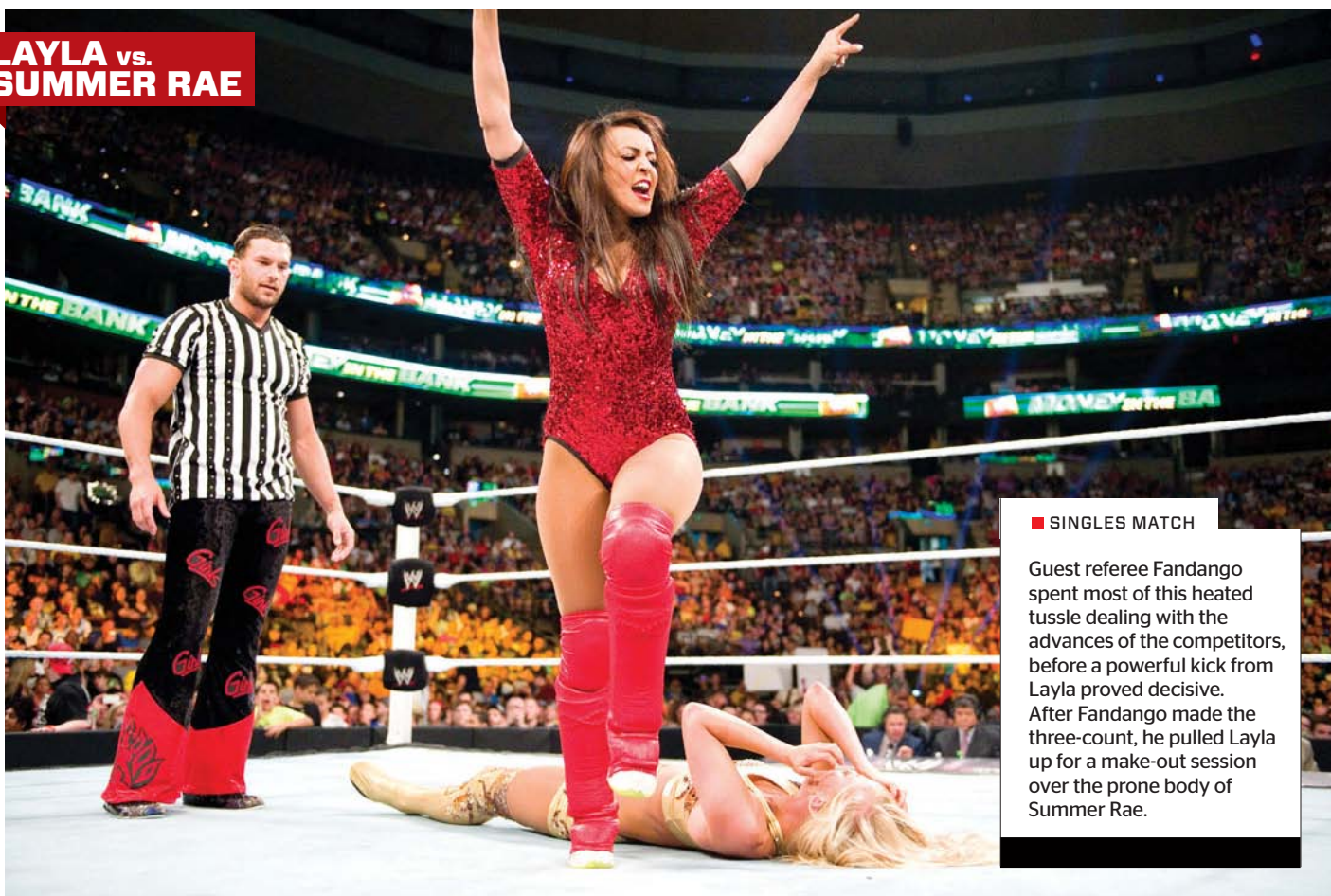
## BIG E vs. RUSEV

### ■ SINGLES MATCH

The brooding, brash Rusev continued his path of destruction through WWE, taking out Big E again thanks to his Accolade submission hold. Big E came into this match fired up, which just makes Rusev's win all the more impressive. Can anyone stop him?



## LAYLA vs. SUMMER RAE



### ■ SINGLES MATCH

Guest referee Fandango spent most of this heated tussle dealing with the advances of the competitors, before a powerful kick from Layla proved decisive. After Fandango made the three-count, he pulled Layla up for a make-out session over the prone body of Summer Rae.



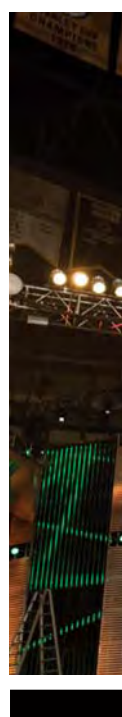
**RANDY ORTON vs. ROMAN REIGNS vs. ALBERTO DEL RIO vs. KANE vs. SHEAMUS vs. BRAY WYATT vs. JOHN CENA vs. CESARO**



■ **WWE WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP LADDER MATCH**

At times this incredible match resembled a destruction derby as the Superstars in the ring collided with astonishing force. Bray Wyatt took out Randy Orton with a Sister Abigail, only to receive a high kick from Alberto Del Rio himself. Cesaro hauled Sheamus off the ladder and into a

European uppercut, but Orton snapped the Swiss Superman into one of those ingenious modified RKOs he's so fond of hitting. But it was John Cena's night, and he would become a 15-time World Champion after slamming Orton onto Kane's body. The Authority weren't happy, but Cena didn't care.











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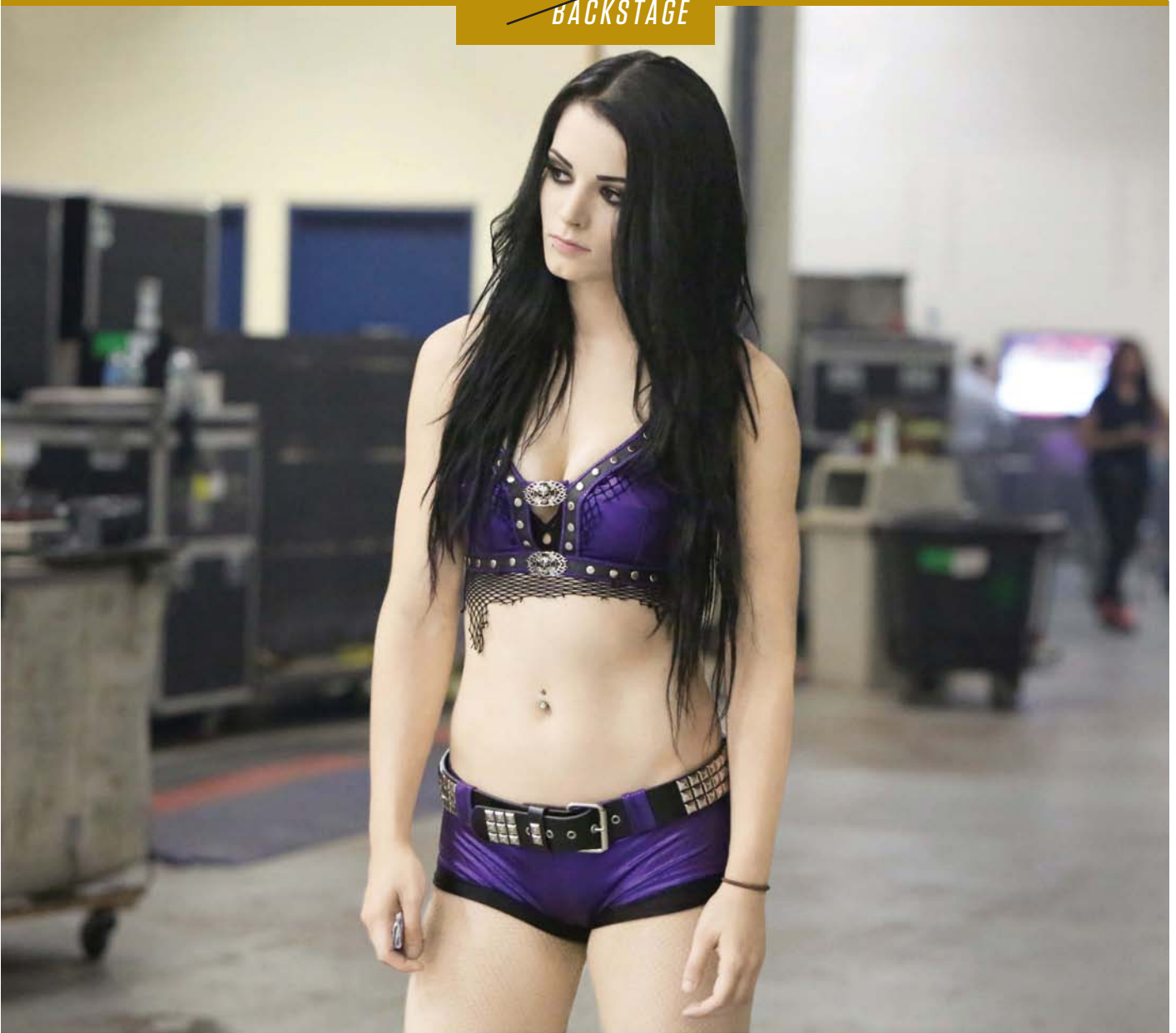


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## UNDER PRESSURE

Step behind the scenes to catch Superstars & Divas in rare moments, like when The Diva of Tomorrow explains how she's acclimated to the rigours of WWE.

**Mere weeks after joining** the roster, Paige returned to the United Kingdom. It wasn't her first trip back home, but this time, The Diva of Tomorrow brought some extra luggage: her Divas Title.

"I'm glad I'm representing the UK well. Could you imagine if I walked out on *Raw* and

they booed me out of my own country? They knew me from *NXT*, but I got recognised like once or twice when I was at home around Christmas last year. Even walking down the street now is a huge difference. I'm not used to it yet."

Her roll continued after returning from the UK as

she got over her nerves by getting into her own world, jamming to Screamo music and getting angry.

Although Paige's title reign came to an unceremonious end when a returning AJ Lee surprised her hours after this photo was taken, it's been a whirlwind year. She aims

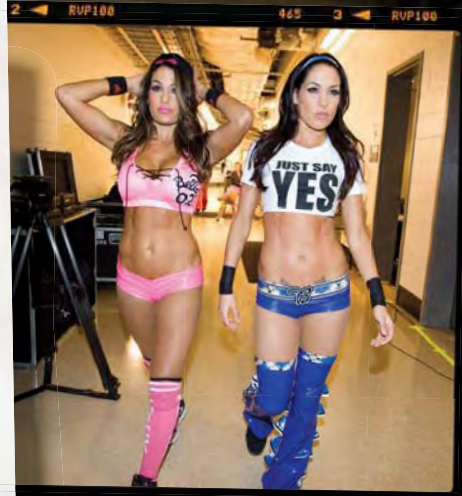
to prove to the Divas locker room she didn't just get lucky.

"WWE is a bigger stage, but I do the same things I did in *NXT*. I always want to make people proud and don't want to mess up. Mr. McMahon is watching, so you have to do well. It's a lot of pressure, but it's good pressure."

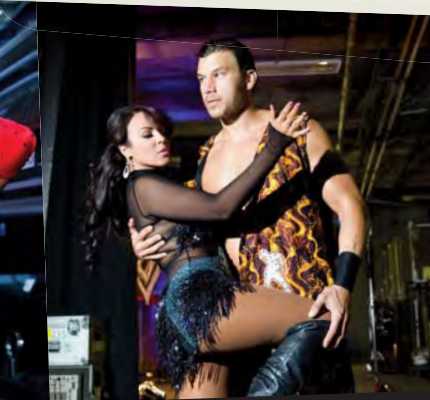
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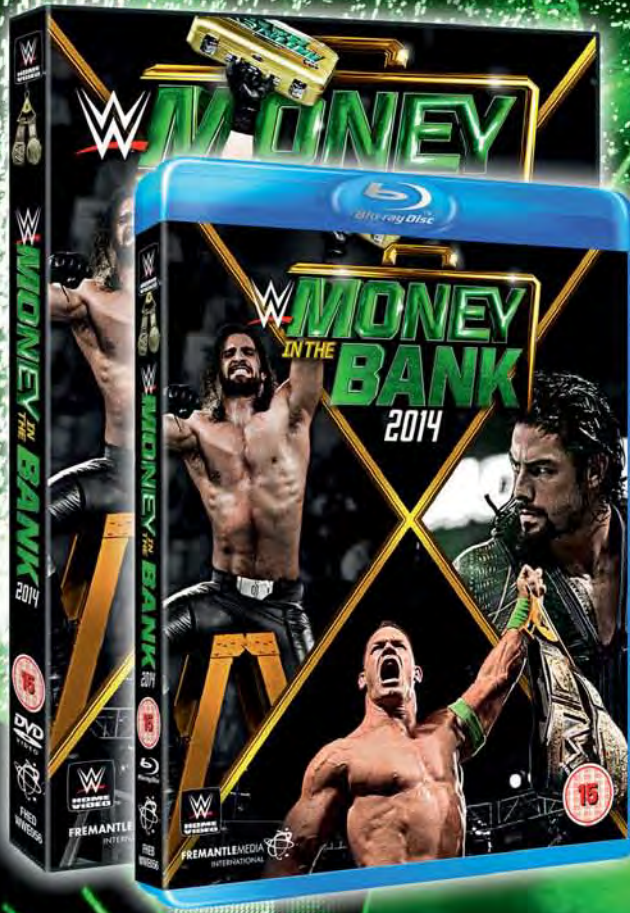






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